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Education & Libraries COMMITTEE REPORT
Tuesday, February, 6:00 PM
163 West 125th Street, 8th Floor

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS: Brian Benjamin, Tamara Martin, Marquis Houston, Deborah Yates, Co-Chair, Dan Clarke, Steven Watkins, and Jennifer Prince, Chair.

GUESTS:

Helen Brody, New York Public Library

SUMMARY:

Budget Request Priorities Response for FY 2014

The committee reviewed the agency responses from the Budget Request Priorities submitted by the full board in October. The committee discussed the next steps and how to incorporate unfunded projects into upcoming district needs statements or requests for additional information.

During the discussion regarding agency responses the committee talked about upcoming projects/surveys of the effects of recent special education reform. The committee members expressed interest in gaining insight into the execution of the reforms and the responses from students, families, and teachers. In addition the committee discussed school accessibility issues for students and families. One member brought up the question of where families should bring their concerns. Committee members Marquis, Tamara, and Christina will be working toward gathering information and designing a survey method

Upcoming Public Hearings

The committee reviewed the dates for upcoming public hearings. Bread and Roses on 135th Street and Edgemcombe is facing a phase-out and Eagle Academy for boys will have a hearing for the opening of their school in the Percy Sutton Educational Complex which houses Eagle Academy. Choir Academy of Harlem, though not in Community Board 10 is also facing phase-out. The committee was encouraged to attend the Panel on Educational Policy meeting on March 11th.

In effort to more consistently participate in public hearings and even the PEP mtg, committee member marquis suggested the committee drafting a statement. The members discussed the option and determined that a resolution from the full board would be even more significant and

would have more weight than a statement. The committee voted on the language and will bring it to the full board for voting.

On February 18th, the 142nd Street Block Association in partnership with Columbia University,

Teachers College Urban Education Leaders Program, held a panel discussion on enhancing education options in our community. Committee Member Karen Horry is President of the block association and requested that the panelists (C. Ed Massey President of National Board Association, Anne Byrne, Secretary of the National Board Association, Geoffrey Eaton President of the Mid-Manhattan Branch of the NAACP, Councilman Robert Jackson, Chair of the City Council Education Committee, and Dr. Brian Perkins, Director of the Urban Education Leadership Program of Teachers College) submit closing comments in writing and she has offered to share these with the committee.

The committee also discussed methods of promoting the achievements of Community Board 10 schools through announcements at the monthly community board meetings. Committee member Steven will be supporting and leading the project.

Announcements

Helen Brody from New York Public Library brought announcements about programming at the 115th Street Library including: E-Library Hour, Friday, March 22, 11:00am – 12:00 pm, Heidi Latsky Dance Company, Monday, March 11, 5:30 pm – 6:30pm, weekly Teen Tech Time, 3:00pm twice a week, Zumba class, every Thursday at 11:30am, and the Harlem Heights Book Discussion Group which meets monthly.

The meeting was adjourned at

RESOLUTION ATTACHED: N

Submitted by: J Prince