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Education & Libraries COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, November 26th, 6:00 PM

163 West 125th Street, 8th Floor

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS: Karen Horry, Brian Benjamin, Tamara Martin, Marquis Houston, Deborah Yates, Co-Chair, and Jennifer Prince, Chair.

GUESTS: Virginia Montague of Dr. Muriel Petioni Charter School, Dr. Conrad Graves of Dr. Muriel Petioni Charter School, Brenda Smith of Dr. Muriel Petioni Charter School, Maureen Campbell of Harlem Hebrew Charter School, and Brittany Dickson.

SUMMARY:

Dr. Muriel Petioni Charter School

The school is resubmitting their charter application for a sixth through eighth grade program for students in District 5. The school will be located in an independent space in the James Varick Recreation Center on 136th Street between Lenox and Seventh Avenue. During their presentation in 2011, the committee voted in support of drafting a letter of support for their charter.

The team, Virginia Montague, Dr. Conrad Graves, and Brenda Smith shared information about programmatic highlights and the changes they have made to their application. Since their presentation in 2011, they have spent more time building a team that better reflects the educational focus and curriculum, have worked to better define the vision, and research similar successful programs throughout the northeast.

The hallmarks of the program are health, scholarship, and leadership. Because they will be using an independent facility, Co-Chair Deborah Yates asked about the effect their presence will have on the activities and programs currently offered by the Recreation center. The team explained that this will be handled by the recreation center and has been discussed at length with the owners. Committee Member Deborah Yates. There is additional build-out available if the building would like to add floors and this would be the responsibility of the Varick Center, as the school will only be a tenant, they will not own the space.

The committee and representatives discussed faculty recruitment and certification and the intention that the faculty will reflect the student body. There will be high expectations of family partnership and a parent will be a voting member of the board of directors. The school will also offer summer programming for its students and is open to the idea of extending the invitation to other students in the community.

During further discussion the committee discussed the merits and concerns with the program. The team had not submitted their application along with our questionnaire. Thus there were committee members who felt that they lacked enough information to fully support their application. They appreciated the honoring of Dr. Petioni's legacy and the potential university and hospital partnerships. The committee voted 5 in favor and 2 against writing a letter of support. The committee will request the charter application and for the team to continue to update the board on further progress.

CB10 Schools

Karen Horry prepared a presentation on the school report cards for district schools in Community Board 10. Karen led a discussion on the data and concerns with low performance. The committee discussed methods of addressing performance and school utilization. The committee will invite District representatives to further discuss the plans in place for low scoring schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

RESOLUTION ATTACHED: N

Submitted by: J Prince