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Education/Libraries & Youth Committee
Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Board Attendance:

Present: Chair, Deborah Yates, Christina Curry, Stephanie Howze, Marquis Harrison, Tamara Martin, Crystal McKay

Excused: Karen Horry, Jennifer Prince

Absent: Brian Benjamin, Daniel Clark, Troy Gethers, Dabney Montgomery, Keith Taylor, Stephen Watkins

Guests:

Vanessa Haddock, Student

Karim Abovelnaga, Practice Makes Perfect

Julius Tajiddin, Community Advocate

Brandon Espinosa, Practice Makes Perfect

Katherine Nickson, Community Advocate

Joe Rogers, Jr. Total Equity Now

Practice Makes Perfect

Brandon Espinosa and Karim Abovelnaga attended the Education, Libraries & Youth Committee meeting to discuss their organization Practice Makes Perfect. Their purpose is to “address inequities in socioeconomically disadvantaged neighborhoods over the summer”. Brandon and Karim are both graduates of the NYC public school system. After attending college they have decided to attempt to fill some of what is missing in the classrooms with summer study. Their program pairs skill development for younger students with leadership development, career training and college prep for older students. Practice Makes perfect has three areas of development, Summer Enrichment for Struggling Learners, Leadership, Career Development and College Prep for High Achieving Learners and Professional Experience and Teaching Exposure in High-Need Environments. They are currently working with several Charter School summer programs and are hoping to branch out to manage more public school summer programs.

Education Forum First Quarter 2014

The Education/Libraries & Youth Committee is planning an Education Forum for the first quarter of 2014. They plan to invite the newly appointed School Chancellor. Marquis Harrison has agreed to Chair this sub-committee.

Announcements

Julius Tajiddin raised some questions regarding the Resolution the Education Committee passed concerning Charter Schools. There was much discussion around possible changes. We as a committee will continue to review the resolution and will decide if any changes should be made in the future.

Ms. Katherine Nickson expressed concern that the children in our public schools today are not learning anything. She mentioned that in times past schools would have information sessions in their auditorium. These things no longer happen.

NEXT MEETING December 17th, 6:30 PM