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**Education/Libraries & Youth Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 17th, 2014**  
**6:30pm**

**Board Attendance:**

**Present:** Chair, Deborah Yates, Tuesday Brooks, Michael Downie, Troy Gethers, Donna Gill, Marquis Harrison, Karen Horry, Tamara Martin, Crystal McKay, Jennifer Prince, and Shanelle Washington

**Excused:** Michelle Booker, Daniel Clark, and Christina Curry

**Absent:** Reverend Lisa Jenkins, Stephen Watkins, Khalifa Diop, and Brandi North

**Guests:**

Duane Carvain, FECS

Van Miles, FECS

Eva L. Frasier, Children of the Middle Passage Inc.

Ellen Brait, Columbia Journalism School

Michelle Mark, Columbia Journalism School

Patricia Eaton, MMPCIA

David Galindez, Harlem YMCA

Alix Gerber

Jessica Jenkins, West End Secondary

**FECS – Duane Carvain & Van Miles**

Dwayne Carvain is an Employee Liaison and Marketing Manager working under the We Care Department.

We Care works with HRA assessing clients to ensure that employers provide accommodations to We Care clients. All We Care clients have some form of disability or receive some level of public assistance. Mr. Carvain runs a small school where every 6 weeks individuals graduate getting their Certification as a Home Health Aide and go on to be employed by People Care or another HHA company. They have two locations in the Bronx and Manhattan. Mr. Carvain is here today seeking jobs for his clients.

Van Miles provided some information in regards to dealing with being a youth looking for employment with a criminal record.

*Questions from the EYL Committee included:*

**Jennifer Prince** – What is the referral process? They have to go to Human Resources Administration who determines what programs they are suited for.

Within the Education Youth & Libraries committee we don't have the scope of being able to make recommendations for potential employers but she does recommend that Mr. Carvain visit the Economic Development committee as it directly addresses some of the concerns brought to them with regard to job availability.

**Crystal McKay** - Can you get a copy of your disposition online? No, you must go in person to the borough where you were charged. If you have a benefit card it is free of charge if not the fee is \$10.

### **Jessica Jenkins - Principal West End Secondary School**

Jessica Jenkins who is the principal at West End Secondary came before the committee to introduce the school. After years of being a teacher and going forward to opening the 1<sup>st</sup> Choice school in Staten Island, she went on to submit a proposal to open a new school in District 3. The new school she is opening is the West End Secondary School (grades 6-12) on 61<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> avenue. She gave a presentation on the school's course of study. She stated that she is looking to promote the school across the district to get a true representation of the district.

*Questions from the EYL Committee included:*

**Crystal McKay** - Will you be co-locating? The school will not be co-locating. The Beacon high school will be getting a school built for them leaving the location solely to West End Secondary School.

Will you have a library within your school or will you be partnering with neighboring libraries? There's a library within each classroom along with a designated library for the school as a whole. Will also be looking to partner for other programs such as afterschool.

**Tamara Martin** - Is the school an Alternative school? Well, District 3 is all Choice; there are no Alternative schools in District 3 which means that all parents have a choice of where they would like to send their children to.

### **District Needs Statement**

**Deborah Yates** - One of the things that we're looking to do is collect data to make a stronger argument for the Macomb's Bridge Library.

**Shanelle Washington** - We should be looking to bridge the gap to have the youth have an impact within the community. Things such as jobs or even shadowing elected officials and business owners make a big impact on youths' lives. Also there is a need for more summer youth programs.

**Deborah Yates** - ensuring our kids finish high school because you can't get basic jobs without high school diplomas.

**Crystal Mckay** - We need to figure out how to phrase that into a paragraph. Do we want more volunteer programs, internship programs, apprenticeship programs, or jobs? We need to be able to formulate that idea into a paragraph.

**Community suggestion** – As we ask for internships we should be ensuring that they having things such as stipends and metro cards to be able to get to and from these internships because they tend to not have funds to even participate in these opportunities.

**Justice is a Black Woman: The Life and Work of Constance Baker Motley**

Deborah Yates spoke on the collaboration CB10 event with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. on October 21, 2014. She expressed that she is looking to do events to engage to community monthly. That being said the program is based on a film that shows the Life of Constance Baker Motley who was an Educator, a Federal Court Judge and an African-American civil rights activist.

**Announcements**

**Crystal Mckay** - The library on 125<sup>th</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> is anticipated to open either October 14 or the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT MEETING October 21th, 6:30 PM**