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Education Youth & Libraries Committee

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015
215 West 125th Street
Deborah Yates, Chair
Marquis Harrison, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance: Deborah Yates, Marquis Harrison, Tuesday Brooks, Daniel Clark, Michael Downie, Crystal Mckay, Jennifer Prince, Keith Taylor (Board Member), Henrietta Lyle, (Board member), Donna Gill (Board Member), Stanley Gleaton (Board Member)

Committee Members not in Attendance: Troy Gethers, Karen Horry (excused), Tamara Martin (Excused), Steven Watkins, Mari Moss-Yawn, Brandi North, Austin Smith, and Shanelle Washington (excused).

Guests in Attendance:

Joe Rogers Jr., Ryan Baxter, Amelia Govan, Kyle Taylor, Korell Peirson, and Travis Felder

Discussion Item:

Community District Superintendent Gale Reeves, District 5

Community District Superintendent Gale Reeves made a presentation on the strengths, successes, and needs of Community School District 5. The presentation covered *Who are we as a District; What are we doing in our district; Why do we need support; Where do we want to go as a district; and When do we need support.* A copy of the presentation is available in the CB 10 office. General community attendee and board members posed pointed questions that were answered with specific examples by Superintendent Reeves, regarding student standardized test results, lack of basic school resources, lack of funding, Principal and teacher performance, the effects of homelessness and domestic violence on attendance and learning within the district, community partnerships and parent engagement. Superintendent Reeves emphasized the need for active *partnering* with community board 10 in order to address the needs of District 5.

Superintendent Reeves made an announcement about an educational initiative Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline (HREP). The HREP Design Institute will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Abyssinian. Cross-section of organizations and businesses coming together in support of District 5 schools. Parents, educators, business partners will meet to discuss a draft

mission statement, benchmarks, goals, etc. The speakers will be Dr. Lester Young, NY State Regent At Large and David Banks (Eagle Academy Foundation).

Ryan J. S. Baxter, Founder of PASSNYC (PASSNYC.org)

Ryan Baxter spoke about the mission of the newly founded organization, PASSNYC. The purpose of the organization is to promote *access* to specialized schools in New York City. PASSNYC is a not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities of the city's talented underserved students by utilizing four tools - *Outreach, Identification, Partnership and Research*. Baxter requested that CB10 spread the word regarding the organization so that students seeking to attend a specialized high school in New York City will have a valuable resource to assist with the process through third-party mentoring, test preparation, research and other resources. One of Baxter's team members, Amelia Govan, emphasized the importance of outreach. It should begin at the middle school level, particular in underperforming schools. Their goal is to get more 8th Grade students to sit for the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT).

Chair Yates suggested inviting Mr. Baxter to a General Board meeting.

Next Committee Meeting November 17, 2015 6:30 pm

Minutes Prepared by: Tuesday Brooks