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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE Tuesday, February 16th 2021 6:30PM

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Cicely Harris, Deneane Brown-Blackmon, Derek Perkinson

Committee Members (in attendance) Stephanie Palmer, Marquis Harrison, Crystal McKay, Jamilah Clark, Tamara Martin, Milan Reed

Committee Members not in Attendance: Deborah Yates, Daniel Clark, Mari Moss, Jennifer Prince, Afrika Owens, Joshua Clennon

Staff: Shatic Mitchell, Jasmin Heatley

Guests: (1) Alexander Betancourt- Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), Director of Inter-Agency Coordination, (2) Yael Leopold-Community School District 5, Director of Early Childhood Education, (3) Jacques Brunville-Manhattan District Attorney's Office, (4) Veronica Quintyn, Harlem Independent Living Center, (5) Dana Points (6) A. Murisco

DISCUSSION

Agenda Item: Teacher Perspective: Return to School (Marquis Harrison)

Key Discussion Points:

Teachers want to return to the classroom given the challenges of virtual teaching and learning. At the same time, there are some remaining concerns regarding safety. Specifically, student testing has not been settled.

Agenda Item: Department of Youth and Community Development.

Key Discussion Points:

Agency overview, 30-40% of the Agency budget was cut. Significant to CB10, 70,000 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) slots were reduced to 35,000 slots last summer.



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At this time, the Agency plans to reestablish the number of slots to 70,000 for the summer of 2021. DYDC is the largest youth serving provider in New York City with a total budget of 740 million dollars. 10-12 million dollars allocated to planning board 10.

A public Policy issue is the reimbursement rates for SYEP which make it challenging for local not for profit organizations to compete for contracts. These rates are historically low and do not fully cover operating expenses. This situation is made worse because of gentrification in Harlem resulting in a shift in funding allocations. Those organizations that can successfully compete have access to private funding sources.

The DYCD website posts opportunities for funding. There are also opportunities for small funded partnerships with established programs such as Cornerstone, Beacon and Compass.

Action Items:

- Identify a local not for profit to work with on securing private funding so that they will be able to compete for a SYEP contract in the future.
- Identify a speaker from the New York City Of Mental Health to address the committee's concern about programs that address Trauma among children and youth in our community.

Agenda Item: Community School District 5 Update.

Key Discussion Points:

The Pre K and Kindergarten application process has begun. There will be virtual tours available at all 14 sites in mid March. On February 25, 2021, Middle School in person classes will resume. The District is focusing on their social media presence and invites us all to visit their media platforms like their YouTube channel featuring Social Justice programs and their new APP.

Agenda Item: District Needs Update

Key Discussion Points :

The CB10 District Needs Task Force has reviewed the responses from City agencies regarding our requests. The Chair of that Task Force, Joshua Clennon, is leading an effort to request further information and clarification regarding our requests.



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Action Items:

- Add specific Library request to our ongoing monthly meeting agenda. Focus on the status of our District Needs requests at our monthly committee meetings.
- Crystal McKay will identify speaker to address Library requests and email staff the information to invite him/her to speak at our upcoming March committee meeting.
- Milan Reed will identify speaker for early childhood issues from Project Hope and share that information with the staff to invite him/her to speak at our upcoming April committee meeting.
- Identify a speaker from the Department of education to address our concerns regarding the elimination of the Talented and Gifted program.
- Yael Leopold will follow up with the district Superintendent regarding the availability of (5) Wifi devices through NYPL contact Lucille Francis.
- Work closely with District 5 to track every student's access to working devices and virtual learning support. This action supports our efforts to make sure all children and families in CB10 have virtual learning support.

Agenda Item: Planning for future committee events.

Key Discussion Points:

Committee will identify all upcoming events for example , the Education Forum for graduating seniors annually scheduled for May. Committee members will identify which event they want to participate in the planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Attorney's Office-Teen Dating Violence workshops available to schools and Community Based Organizations; Resume Writing Workshop for High School Students; High School Internship Program, students must apply by March15, 2021, 300 word essay is required, students must live or attend school in Manhattan. Links and flyers have been shared with our staff.

Action Item:

- Working Papers. Staff will investigate how students acquire working paper given existing COVID restrictions. This information will be disseminated.