

# CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Monday March 09, 2015

Meeting #3

**Location: 530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10032**

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimón, Chair; Alyce Smith, Assistant Chair; Maria Luna; Manny De Los Santos; Lorena Jimenez-Castro

**Committee Members Absent:** Ayisha Oglivie

**Community Member(s):** Mery Diaz, City Tech, CUNY; Al Kurland, Police Athletic League ; Joel Yoffie; Meredith Marin, LMSW from CHALK Program at Presbyterian Hospital

The Chair Fe Florimón opened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Members of the Committee and attendees were introduced by the Chair.

❖ **Discussion was conducted as indicated below:**

- ✓ A motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> was made. No changes were suggested and the minutes were approved unanimously.
  
- ❖ The discussion of “Parent Associations in Public schools vs. Private Schools” was disregarded due to presenter postponed until further notice.
  
- ❖ Ms. Fe Florimon facilitated a presentation regarding the school district 6 data and also discussed the importance of parents’ involvement. A breakdown of the school population in district 6 was provided. According to the data presented, the school district 6 in the community of Washington Height/Inwod has a population of nearly 25,000 students who are in attendance in the following number of schools:
  - ✓ **Elementary schools (E.S.)** 21 schools; **Middle Schools (M.S) 6-8** 12 schools; **Elementary and Middle Schools-K-8 (Combine)-** 5 schools; **Middle -H.S- 6-12-** 2 schools; **High School- 9-12** 8 schools; and **School PK-12-** 1 schools, in total of 49 schools.
  - ✓ An emphasis on the importance of parents’ involvement in the education of their children’s education was also discussed. Participants were encouraged to share their views and possible ideas that may help to improve the involvement of parents.
  - ✓ Some of the participants volunteered their views suggesting that educational workshops (e.g. workshop about healthy cook and Sumba dance) are good initiative to involve parents.
  - ✓ Ms. Marin from CHALK program suggested that she may volunteer to invite a guest to join the Y&EC meeting with the objective to share her view. According to Ms. Marin, the possible guest is someone she knows and is effectively engaging parents in the school the person serves.
  - ✓ Presenter encouraged participants to get in contact with District School Superintendent office in case of any questions and also provided the contact information for the office.
  
- ❖ **Under the New/Old Business:**
  - ✓ Youth Mental Health event date still pending for confirmation.
  - ✓ Effective March 9<sup>th</sup> Member Ms. Lorena Jimenez-Castro will not be able to continue in the committee.
  - ✓ The meeting adjourned at 9:17pm