

# Public Meeting of the CB12M's Youth and Education Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting #6

**Monday, June 11, 2018**

**Location:** CB12M Office 530 West 166 Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10032

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimon, Chair; Maria Luna;

**Board Member(s) Present:** Curtis P. Young

**Committee Member(s) Absent:** Glennis Aquino; Ayisha Oglivie; Derek Peralta; Luis Tapia

**Guests:** Mr. Dan Clark, *National Director of Organizing- Democracy Builders*; *Mwenye* Seville, *Director of Pilot Program*, Hudson River Community Sailing

**Community Members:** William Cuver, Representative from Hudson River Community Sailing; *Felix* Lora, Paul J. Hintersteiner; Joel Yoffie.

The meeting was called by Fe Florimon, Chair

7:10pm

### Discussion that took place as indicated below:

1. Mr. *Mwenye Seville, Director of Pilot Program* at the “Hudson River Community Sailing Middle School Program at Solome Urena Middle School” (HRCS) made a presentation regarding his organization new pilot program for students. During his presentation the following description about the program were discussed:

- ✓ A pilot sailing program for middle school students has been recently implemented at the *Hudson River Community Sailing Middle School Program at Solome Urena Middle School*.
- ✓ The mission is to develop leadership and academic success in underserved New York City youth through sailing education and provides maritime education and recreation to the community at large.
- ✓ According to the HRCS' executive summary presented by Mr. Seville, his organization believes that sailing is a powerful activity that can tap students' inherent potential and help them succeed. Both independent and intensely collaborative, sailing is built on scientific principles, technical knowledge, teamwork, and a willingness to take on challenges.
- ✓ As for the learning atmosphere, students are taught in a safe environment. They learn how to steer, trim sails, rotate through the roles of captain and crew, solve problems, and pursue a common goal. Equally important, the program helps students to building confidence, tenacity and grit.
- ✓ Presenter also discussed other interesting topics including :
  - ✓ Sail Academy,
  - ✓ Youth racing program
  - ✓ Soldiers Under Sail
- ✓ Present hope that CB12M shares this magnificent program with the community, especially with parents and middle school students.

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2. *Mr. Dan Clark, National Director of Organizing Democracy Builders* appeared to the committee to discuss a proposal for new Charter School that will be possibly located within the school district six (SD6).

- ✓ Polyphonic Charter School holds a pending application for approval with the NYSED Charter division.
- ✓ The school will provide a learning environment based on music, which will be part of students daily lessons. By the time students' graduate, they will become proficient in creating, playing and reading writing modern music of all genres.
- ✓ The students will be able to acquire important skills from musical composition to recording and engineering, which they can in college or any jobs of preferences.
- ✓ There three core areas that Polyphonic Charter School focuses for students' excellence: Mastery of knowledge and skills; Character; and high-quality student work.
- ✓ Students will be met at their academy level and provide them with the support needed to learn and grow.
- ✓ Mr. Clark provided some literatures containing information about the school's proposal. He also asked the committee if was possible to obtain a letter of support for the school proposal from the Board. Chair responded that this matter has to be discussed with the Executive Committee for further clarification and final decision.

## **3. New/Old Business discussion**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth and Police Partnership Walk & Resourced Fair – Saturday, May 19, 2018 was discussed. A video showing the unfolding of the event was presented. It was reported that due to the rain a Plan B was adopted. Because of the rain, Part II of the event was held inside the GWEC where the Planning Committee received lots of compliments. There was lots live music, students' performance; raffles and lots of food. The Chair deeply thanked NYPD, especially the 34<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and Community Affairs Units for their great support. The rain didn't stop the community from marching and the Police stayed through the event. According to Ms. Florimon, it was a great event because of the great support we received. She also reported that there will be a follow meeting in July 2018. Date still pending.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm**