

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #8

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Location: CB12M Office 530 West 166 Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimon, Chair; Gabriela Estrella; Mary O'Shaughnessy;
Board Member(s) Excuse: Glennis Aquino, Assistant Chair; Maria Luna; Liane; Curtis Young; Nunez-Formeta;
Committee Member(s) Absent: Luis Tapia
Public Member Present (s): Ramirez-Swierk
Guest: Presenter were Excused-
Present: Al Kurland, PAL- Teen on Board; Lorena Munoz, Representative-Children Aid Society- I.S.218 and John Jay Student

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon @ 7:12pm.

Discussion that took place as indicated below:

1. The order of the agenda was reviewed and some changes were suggested due to the absence of guests.
2. Committee's members were introduced. Additional new board members came to the meeting and were warmly greeted. Like on the first round of new members' introduction at the September 9th meeting, additional new members (**Mary O'Shaughnessy**, IT Director- Legal Firm, and **Liane Ramirez-Swierk**, Education Advocate & Student Mentor) were also encouraged to share any thoughts on their decision to join the committee.
 - ✓ The members shared their motivation for joining the committee and their experience which may well contribute to the work the committee does.
 - ✓ They emphasized in their interest to reach out the youth generation and assist them to have access whether on education and/or career path.
 - ✓ Chair also encouraged members to share any innovative ideas and ensured them to count with her support.
 - ✓ Ms. Florimon discussed the expectation about committee's work collaboration (e.g. taking minutes, chairing meetings, etc).
3. **Ms. Liane Ramirez-Swierk**, expressed her concerned on the handling of the implementation of the Success Academy Charter School at the Mother Cabrini location. This action was concluded with no transparency and no community input. The closing of the Mother Cabrini High School was a sad loss for the community... but "we need to move on", graciously stated by Ms. Ramirez-Swierk.
4. Lorena Munoz, Representative-Children Aid Society- I.S.218, want to learn about the board and the work of the Y&E Committee. Chair suggested exploring the possible to serve as Public Member first. She likes the idea and ask about the procedures. Chair encouraged her to contact the office directly for further details.
5. **The committee held its second budget discussion for the FY20**

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- ✓ The committee was able to reach out its final agreement for the FY20 Budget, even-though there was no quorum available. Seven (7) Capital items were adopted out of which five items are new; and also five (5) Expense items were accepted including one new item. The committee also decided to remove several old priorities (4 items) because funding for these items were either granted or roundly denied.

6. Under New/Old business the following announcement were discussed:

- ✓ Mr. Al Kurland provided an overview (especially) for the new members about his position with Police Athletic League where he serves as Compliance Manager and other roles in the community. He serves as coordinator for the Teens on Board campaign, a 7 year campaign which ended in successfully amending NY State Public officer law, allowing fully vetted 16 and 17 year olds to serve on NYC Community Boards, and also as Friend of Education and Youth Services Committee for CB 12M, working with Chairperson on the Youth and Police Building Bridges initiative.
 - According to Mr. Kurland the Police Athletic League is hosting an interactive workshop for teens interested in developing Teen Advisory Councils. Evening will have two interactive Sessions: (break into small groups). Brainstorming on issues of key interest and learning to prioritize 1 key issue to develop into an advocacy campaign. Presenters: Generation Citizen
 - Introduction to Community Boards: Virtual budget ranking exercise where participants discuss and debate rankings, and present to whole group. Presenter: Deputy Borough President Aldrin Bonilla
 - Evening will begin with refreshments, and include a panel presentation by Generation Citizen on its in school middle school and high school action civics programs and a presentation by Manhattan BP office about applying to become a CB member.
- ✓ Confirmation: The annual Holiday Season event in conjunction with the Y&EC and Aging Committees will be held on December 15th from 2:30pm -5:00pm at Isabella Geriatric Center
- ✓ During the Y&EC's Saturday meeting (October 6th) an interesting *panel discussion* was provided. Panel was comprised of parents, student leaders, and a Retired School Principal to address the worrisome topic of School Safety.
- ✓ An update was provided on the performance of the H.S. For Careers and Sciences at the George Washington Educational Campus by: Ms. Eva De Jesus, Dual Language Coordinator and Model Lead ENL Teacher Leader. Some of the areas of improvement include students' graduation rate, attendance, parental involvement, and an excellent Quality Review Rating among other important subjects.

7. The meeting was adjourned approximately at 9:05pm