

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

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting #6

Monday, June 10, 2019

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

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimon, Chair; Maria Luna; Curtis Young; Deborah Nabavian; Carolina Charles; Maria James ; Omar Tejada;

**Committee Member(s) Absent:** Glennis Aquino; Jonathan Nunez-Formeta; Gabriela Estrella (Excused); Liane Ramirez (Public Member)

**General Public:** Al Kurland, PAL; Ryan Derso, Artist; Eileen Polanco; David Polanco;

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon at 7:07pm.

### Discussion that took place as indicated below:

Members of the Committee and the audience were introduced by the chair followed by the review of agenda.

Chair announced that three (3) new members have joined the Committee Carolina Charles; Maria James; Omar Tejada and they were formally welcomed and encouraged to share few words about their decision for joining the Committee.

1. Chair Florimom made presentation about "High School Admissions in NYC" and provided recent perspective on the subject. According Open discussion  
There are over 542 high schools within the Public School System in New York City, all are managed by the Department of Education and out of this number the following 10 high schools are considered the best in the City.

- ✓ Brooklyn Technical High School
- ✓ Brooklyn Latin School
- ✓ Queens High School for the Sciences at York College
- ✓ Staten Island Technical High School
- ✓ High School of American Studies at Lehman College
- ✓ Bronx High School of Science
- ✓ High School Math Science and Engineering at CCNY
- ✓ Baccalaureate School for Global Education
- ✓ Stuyvesant High School
- ✓ Townsend Harris High School (was ranked # 11 in the "National Ranking" and #1 in NYC

#### **According to U.S. News )**

✓ The raking is based on the schools performance such as NYS required tests, graduation rate and college readiness. However, the lack of admission opportunity in any of these Specialized High Schools

(SHS) for many students is a persisting challenge. According to NYC Council, while two-thirds of the total enrollment in the NYC public school is comprised of black and Hispanic students,

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only 10 percent of admissions offers to SHS were extended to black and Hispanic students combined.

- ✓ **Recent perspective:** In an effort to address the problem of segregation in public schools, last month, (5/1/ 2019) under the leadership of NYC Speaker Corey Johnson, the NYC Council held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Segregation in NYC Schools” with the Education and Civil & Human Rights Committees. At the hearing, the Council was able to introduce a new bill “Intro. 1550,” according to the Council they want to ensure that every student in NYC has equal access to a quality education.
- ✓ Following the presentation, committee members and the audience engaged in an open discussion. Testimonies and opinions were shared in a constructive and informative manner. According to participants’ testimonies the school tests are culturally bias; comonly students are given test based on criterias without prior exposure; and that NYC schools is the most segregated system in the United States of America.

### **2. Under new and old business:** Several announcements were made as follow:

- ✓ The committee discussed the pending resolution of its annual event Youth and Police Building Bridges, however it was tabled for the next meeting.
- ✓ There’s a pending follow up discussion pertaining to the recent event “Partnership Walk and Resource Fair 2019” with objective gather feedback from partners, supporters and volunteers
- ✓ Comptroller Office: Community stakeholders’ roundtable on **Thursday June 27, 2019 at 10:00AM. -11:15am " Location:** NMIC’s Main Office 45 Wadsworth, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- ✓ JOB Health Career Network Fair: Thursday June 27, 2019- 2:00pm to 7:00pm  
Isabella Geriatric Center 515 Audubon Avenue, New York, NY 10040.

### **3. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.**