

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting #8**  
**Monday, October 07, 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; Gabriela Estrella; Curtis Young; Jonathan Nunez-Formeta; Miriam James

**Board Member(s) Excused:** Deborah Nabavian; Omar Tejada

**Committee Member(s) Absent:** Glennis Aquino; Ariel Miranda;

**Public:** Al Kurland/Police Athletic League; Maritza Polanco, Director of International Development Institute

Date: Monday October 7, 2019 7:07PM

Meeting Called to Order by Fe Florimon, Chair

**Discussion that took place as indicated below:**

Members of the Committee and the audience were introduced by the chair.

The order of the agenda was changed unanimous consensus (new and old business were discussed first)

- A community announcement was share by: Al Kurkland regarding the Police Athletic league.
- Al encouraged the CB12M to spread the word and advise parents of middle school ages children to join the following PAL's after school programs available at the Armory Center:  
*-STERM; Art & Crafts; Trips Girl Talk; Comic con; Fashion; Dance; Sports; Tutoring; Computer lab; Holiday Camp among others.* He (Al) also shared several literatures about PAL's programs.  
Committee member suggested Al to visit and present at the Dyckman Houses Tenant Association Meeting and at the CB12M's Public Hearing Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM to raise program awareness for funding purpose.
- Committee discussed about the unfolding of the pending forum on Mental Health & Emotional Learning, which has been postponed on several occasions. At this time, the committee's recommendation was for January 2020.
- Chair also discussed the Holiday event "Youth Performing for seniors" at Isabella Geriatric Center. She informed that she attended the Aging Committee's meeting for possible arrangements. The date for the event still pending, but will be held around mid-December.
- Committee Chair brought forward the pending goal to host a forum on Mental Health & Emotional Learning to the committee.  
There was also a discussion on the selection for an appropriate date for the event.
- Chair mentioned that committee members are at liberty to invite guest speakers and presenters to the committee meetings. She also suggested copying her on any request.
- Committee member Maria Luna discussed the need for a possible construction for a new school in District 6 (Capital Requests). However, details about the school's grades were not discussed, but the idea was not adopted.
- A member from the public- Ms. Maritza Polanko representative of IDI, suggested the committee to advocate for programs to assist students and parents with technical job training.
- Committee member Ms.James, inquired about the increase of schools' needs including I.S. 52 for budget requests. The committee embraced her request and explained the procedures. However, due to the lack of information, Ms. James did not recommend any budget items for I.S. 52 at this time (the school she mentioned).
- Chair encouraged Ms. James to attend the Budget Public Hearing on October 15<sup>th</sup> and provide any budget item(s) for their consideration.

**Proceeded with Budget Priorities Discussion**

**The Review:**

- The committee reviewed its Expense Budget Priorities FY21-(erroneously addressed as FY20) Expense and Capital requests and responses as follow:
- Started with the expense requests items 17-21 in the CB12M FY '20 Expense Budget Rankings document

1. Item 17 has been granted
2. Item 18 requires more information and will remain as a request
3. Item 19 has been granted
4. Item 20 was not granted and will remain as a request
5. Item 21 was granted

**Capital requests items 19-25 in the CB12M FY '20 Capital Budget Rankings document**

1. Item 19 was not granted and will remain as a request
2. Item 20 was not granted and will remain as a request
3. Item 21 was not granted and will remain as a request
4. Item 22 was not granted and will remain as a request
5. Item 23 funding for part of the request is recommended. For clarity, the request will become in 2 separate requests
6. Item 24 was not granted and will remain as a request
7. Item 25 was not granted and will remain as a request

• **Final decision: Expenses (4 items) and Capital (8 items) Budget Ranking Priorities:**

**Priority #1: Individualized Education (IEP)- BUDGET CODE: 312201830E**

Increase fund for Individualized Education Program (IEP)-  
Individualized Tutoring for students with learning difficulties in School District 6

**Priority #2: Class Size Reduction: BUDGET CODE- 312201807E**

Increase funding for Class Size Reduction in School District 6

**Priority #3: Testing for lead in water- NEW ITEM**

Funding for comprehensive testing for lead in water and paint in all District 6 schools by a third party agency

**Priority #4: Social- Emotional Learning program- NEW ITEM**

Provide funding to increase support for social-emotional learning skills for students in School District 6

**Priority #1: Biotech Laboratory BUDGET CODE: 312201803C**

Provide funding for a biotech laboratory and research facility for all students at the George Washington Educational Campus to insure there are opportunities for readiness, mentoring and hands on immersion on a genomic (DNA) level that is linked to a variety of career path in health/medical/science and non science fields

**Priority #2: Digital Library BUDGET CODE: 312201811C**

Provide funding to build a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) "Digital Library" within School District 6

**Priority #3: New School Elevator BUDGET CODE: 312202021C**

Provide funding for a new elevator at George Washington Educational Campus.

**Priority# 4: Gymnasium Renovation- NEW ITEM**

Provide funding for the renovation of the Gymnasium built in 1969 at George Washington Educational Campus.

**Priority#5: Technology Upgrade- NEW ITEM**

Provide funding to upgrade Science Lab at M468- H.S. for Health Careers and Sciences

**Priority#6: Technology Upgrade- NEW ITEM**

Provide funding to expand Computer at M468- H.S. for Health Careers and Sciences

**Priority#7: HVAC Upgrade- NEW ITEM**

Provide funding to upgrade HVAC to add air conditioning in the George Washington Educational Campus' auditorium

**Priority#8: Classrooms Upgrade- NEW ITEM**

Provide funding to renovate and upgrade classroom at M468- H.S. for Health Careers and Sciences

• **The committee voted unanimously on the above Budget Ranking priorities for FY21 as follow:**

**Committee Members= 7 Yes; Members of the Public 2 Yes; Abstain 0; No 0**

- In closing, the Committee Chair encouraged members of the committee to provide some ideas on resolutions to be brought forward and discussed at the next committee meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.**

**Prepared by:** Carolina Charles on 10/10/2019

**Next Meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (Board Office)**