

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

Meeting Minutes #1

Monday, January 13, 2020

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

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimon, Chair; Glennis Aquino-Gill, Assist Chair; Carolina Charles; Maria Luna; Miriam James; Jonathan Nunez-Frometa; Ariel Miranda; and Curtis Young.

Committee Member(s) Excused: Gabriela Estrella;
Members Absent: Deborah Nabavian

Committee Public Member (Absent): Wendy Castillo, Associate Professor; Guillermo Perez, Community Activist;

Guests and General Public: Emily Kim, CEO of Zeta Charter School; Amanda Simmons, School Principal; Natalie Espino, Community Liaison of MBP; Tatiana Mahoney, Rep from Inwood Academy ; Giovanni Feliciano, from NYC Park and Recreation; Amiy Rosario; Yoskavy Ventura; Yerlene Tonce; Mayra Unbe; Ruth Lahoz; Robinson Tavar; Anabel Rodriguez; Xiomara Rosausa; Hericka Jordan; Jennifer Duran, from Zeta Charter School; Jazmin del Valle; Folana Miller; Ryan Aceso

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

Discussion that took place as indicated below:

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

1. Presentation: "Updates from Zeta Inwood 1" by *Emily A. Kim, CEO of Zeta Charter Schools*
CEO Emily Kim her school's team.

- ✓ Emily Kim, CEO of Zeta Charter Schools, and Amanda Simmons, Principal of Zeta Inwood 1 Elementary School, attended the committee meeting with a group of parents and children who attend Zeta Inwood 1. Ms. Kim and Principal Simmons provided an update of the school, with the aim of deepening the school's relationship with the community board. Now in its second year of operation, Zeta Inwood 1 serves kindergarten through 2nd grade, and it is adding one grade each year until it serves kindergarten through 5th grade.
- ✓ Ms. Kim and Principal Simmons shared about the academics and the specialty activities offered by the school. By the end of its first year, 90% of its students were on grade level, representing between 60-70 percentage points of academic growth since the beginning of the year. The school is also very focused on whole-child education and social-emotional learning, teaching kids to practice meditative breathing, self knowledge, and appreciation for peers. Some of the specialty activities offered to students include music, chess, violin, Taekwondo, and sports.

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- ✓ Each of the Zeta parents present shared with the committee their child's positive experience at the school. Ms. Kim explained that the school is in a temporary private facility that is not big enough to accommodate the school at full scale, K to 5th grade. They are in the process of negotiating a permanent, private facility that will house the school starting the 2022-23 or 2023-24 school year. While they are waiting for the building to be completed, they need an extension space as they grow, and have been seeking private facilities for this extension space. Given the scarcity of suitable private facilities, they have also requested a temporary co

-location space from the DOE. The school has committed to moving into permanent, private facilities in 2022-23 or 2023-24. Ms. Kim and Principal Simmons answered questions from the committee and from the public. Ms. Kim and Principal Simmons expressed their gratefulness for the opportunity to present to the committee, and look forward to deepening the relationship.

2. "Committee's Work Recap 2019" Open Discussion by: Committee's Members

Chair Florimon presented an elaborated report of regarding the committee's work throughout 2019. The Y&E committee successfully delivered the following meetings and events:

- ✓ *18 meetings were meetings (10 official meetings on the second Monday of each month and eight (8) meetings on the first Saturdays of each month). In addition of course, to their events' Planning Committee Meetings held with NYPD and Aging Committee. And over 17 topics were discussed, not to mention those discussed at the Saturday meetings.*

Meeting#1

The GreenThumb Youth Leadership Council, presented by: Amber Qureshi, Council Coordinator
New York Connects at CIDNY, presented by: Liliete Lopez, Outreach Specialist.

Meeting#2

Pre-K and 3K Dual Language video featuring Mayor Bill De Blasio, Chancellor Carranza at PS 128 was played

The Committee adopted its goals for 2019

Meeting#3

OMB – Budget Priorities for FY 20- Preliminary Discussion

Introduction of the NYC FIRST STEM CENTER in Washington Heights-Presented by: Francesca Rodriguez, Lead Teachers- NYC FIRST and Jesse Donaldson, Lead Teachers- NYC FIRST

Meeting#4

Kids in the Game (KING) - Presentation: "KING KIDS 2019"

Meeting#5

"Summer reading at NYPL", presented by: Rachel Skinner-O'Neill

A photovision of our community, presented by WHEELS' Student Group:

Meeting# 6

NYC High School Admissions & Recent Perspective:

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Meeting#7

Presentation: "Diving into Key Points of Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships" *Presented by: Stephanie Tavaréz, Representative of Dominican Women's Development Center*

Presentation: "Class size and school overcrowding in CB12M's district and" *by Leonie Haimson, Founder and Executive Director*

Meeting# 8

Budget Priorities Discussion for FY 20

Meeting # 9

Presentation: " Supporting Youth's social emotional development through mental health literacy"
Presented by: Dr. Evelyn Montañez, Ph.D, LCSW, NYP's Turn 2 Us Program Manager

Presentation: "Early Childhood and Family Hub at- New York- Presbyterian" *Presented by: Dra. Mara Minguez, Assistant Chief Medical Officer, for Community Affairs; Andres Nieto, Director, Community Health Education and Outreach; and Paula Ritcher, PPS Operations and Strategy Manager, Division*

Meeting #10.

Guests: *Stephanie Barreto-Lastra, is the Community Affairs Borough Manager at the Division of Community Empowerment, Partnerships, and Communications of New York City Department of Education.*

Guests: *Guillermo Rivera, Associate Director of Admission at City College of New York City: " An avalanche of educational opportunities available to undergraduate and graduate candidates at CCNY*

Committee's annual and major events where also reported as follow:

- ✓ *4th Annual Youth and Police Partnership Walk & Resource Fair (Saturday, May 18, 2019)*
- ✓ *Post Event Follow Up- (Tuesday, July 9, 2019)*
- ✓ *3rd Annual Holiday Seasons: Youth Performing for the Seniors (December 21, 2019)*

3. The committee also discussed its goals proposal 2020

- ✓ *Several members share their proposal including Ms. Florimon who shared five suggestions.*
- ✓ *Few members (Maria Luna, Carolina Charles, Jonathan Frometa, Miriam James) decided to send their goal (s) proposal via email.*

Business / New Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm