

Youth Education & Libraries Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.
Dorothy Day Broadway Houses
583 Riverside Drive @West 135th Street Corner on Riverside Drive
Co- Chairs Vernon Ballard & Winston Majette

Members present: Vernon Ballard, Winston Majette, Miriam Aristy- Farer, Tisha Jackson, Fathima Torres

1. Call to order 7:48pm
2. Approve Agenda
3. Ms. Tomoko Matsuyama, a resident of 152nd Street, presented a noise complaint against PS368 (Hamilton Heights School). According to Ms. Matsuyama from 8am until 6pm residents are subjected to loud noise from students in the courtyard of St. Catherine's, from which Hamilton Height's leases. She reported that she and other residents had written to the Church's Archbishop as well as the Board of Education, to no effect. Committee advised her that the CB has no authority in such matters but might be able to provide
4. Ms. Aristy-Farer reported on the second (of two) Teachers College proposed school forum (Saturday, November 12). Attended by a couple dozen area residents approximately representative of neighborhood's diversity. (Spanish translation was not necessary.)
5. Ms. Torres reported on DONAR's Wednesday meeting with School District 5 & 6 Parent Coordinators.
 - a. Attended by 19-21 Parent Coordinators.
 - b. Diverse levels of representation and responsibility within each district and each schools.
 - c. Not much engagement of district Superintendents
6. Mr. Ballard reported on the Executive Committee's vote to support (13-0-2) the committee's draft letter of Support for Teachers College, subject to a few editorial changes.
7. Winston Majette reported on the College Fair at Riverbank State Park over 2500 school aged children participated.

Adjourn 9pm.