

Youth Education & Libraries Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 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

Call to order 7:48pm

Present: Vernon Ballard, Winston Majette, Miriam Aristy-Farer, Danielle Chase, Tisha Jackson
Excused: Fathima Torress
Absent: Debra Byrd, Monique White

Teacher's College Office of School and Community Development

Nancy Streim, VP of School and Community Partnerships, and staff conducted a follow-up presentation on the proposed PreK-8 Teacher's College school. The application is still pending with the Department of Education and she requested a letter of support.

Skills disposition and motivation

- rigorous instructional program,
- dynamic supportive learning environment (social, physical,),
- global awareness interact in global society,
- maximize educational opportunities (social, out of school time learning),
- professional development site for new teachers and experienced teachers to share.

TC will select and evaluate curriculum, identify staff, government planning, children on TC campus, TC fundraising, and replication of school's success.

Demonstration school – integration of health, family support, literacy in integrated environment, apply charter schools lesson to traditional school. Student selection will probably through lottery. Ultimately the school will serve 500 students pre-k to 8. In the process of determining whether it will be dual language, but it will definitely service children with special education needs.

September 2010, if there is a solid commitment from DOE..

First year: K-1.

Year two pre-k, and 1 or 2.

Space and site: Chancellor Klein is committed to working to find a site. TC has identified potential sites, most love a new building to serve needs of the school. Too large to be shoe-horned into sharing space. Advocating to be sited at PS186, the Harlem Boys and Girls club 145th between Broadway and Amsterdam. In discussion for six months. Mixed-use to accommodate housing and a school. Boys & Girls club pursuing zoning variances with City Planning to be able to put project into play. Other developers in the area interested. Also

considering some old buildings that could be repurposed. Tremendous support from elected officials (local, state and federal) Wright, Farrell, Rangel, Gillenbrand, Jackson.

Would like to involve CB9 in planning, facilitated conversation to get input into what's important for folks in the community. Chairs Jones has offered to facilitate.

TC is planning to conduct two community forums at PS161, tentative dates Thursday, 11/12 and Saturday 11/14. Afterwards they will prepare report for CB9 with input and recommendations.

Chairwoman Pat Jones recommends that provisions be made to conduct the meeting English and Spanish with Spanish facilitation. Recommends that the Community Education Councils or BP office may be able to provide translators. Will disseminate flyer to schools, Parent Coordinators, and willing to coordinate with other community organizations. Contact Emily Zemke zemke@tc.edu.

LDC is recipient of monies, community benefits agreement monies will be used for development school. TC is not asking for monies from CBA. \$1m per year for demonstration school every year for 30 years.

Manhattanville secondary school for Columbia School for Math, Science and Engineering is distinct from the proposed TC school.

Brett Robertson: Bway Housing After School Program

Rebecca Ramo & Kadeirdie Bone, Kim Soto (absent) AmeriCorp Vistas – NYC Signet Corp (funded in April) coordinating mentoring program.

Middle school and high school mentoring program. Students will have a role model and advisory. Goal: 20 strong mentor-mentee pairings November – June.
Provide advisement: Homework assistance, SAT Prep, College Visits, Museum visits, Sports, board games, movies, occasional parties.

Duration: November 5, 2009 – June 10, 2010
Tuesday (middle school), Thursday (high school)
Professional training and mentoring and background checks on mentors.

After School program and Mentoring program designed specifically to work with families with support for school. K-12 afterschool program: Focus on literacy. Anticipate openings in K, 1st and 2nd grade programs. Capacity k-2: 40 (currently 30); 3-6 :15-20; mentoring 15-20 mentor-mentees.

Children come from all over the city. M-Th, 3-5:45pm; no transport.

Typical afternoon: homework help, snack, literacy themed activities (reading and writing activity)

Mentoring program is placed with
16 students attended orientation
4-5 prospective mentors have submitted applications

Submitted proposal to Bway Housing, still pending. 1 year program. nyfaulkner@aol.com

Opening session adjourned at approximately 9pm, to allow for closed session for old and new business.

Old Business:

The Committee will continue to develop list/ database of youth-oriented education, arts and culture organizations.

Winston conducted outreach to Gail Reeves has more power to work in district. Interested in collaborating with CB9. Winston requested wishlist from Superintendent Reeves.

Vern will reach out to Community School District 6 Superintendent Martha Maderna, to invite..

New Business:

Danielle, Youth Council working with Chester Asher, Transform America.

Slow because no organized recruitment

Attended community fair, recruited 3 youths.

Decentralized and unorganized structure, not much reciprocation from Transform America.

Geared toward cultural events.

Reach out to Chester for next steps.

Reach out to CCNY Math and Science, A Phillip Randolph, and KIPP Infinity, and Broadway Housing.

Reach out to CB11 Youth Council.

Make Youth Council a CB9 Youth Think Tank, to get youth representation on the committee.