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### **Youth & Education 9-23-19**

Present: B. Bieder, J. Thomas, A. Beluso, A. Torres  
Absent: L. Council, M. Davila, S. Woods, J. Onwu, N. Sala  
Guest: L. Ferraras

I would like to welcome to our committee two new members, Angela Torres and Angelique Beluso.

The committee had as our guest Ms. Luisa Ferraras, outreach specialist for project rising at Montefiore at 1510 Waters Place. Project Rising is geared for 14-24-year old who are in need of a substance abuse program. To help these young people Project Rising takes a holistic approach and deals with mental health treatment, group therapy, career development, internships and college assistance.

The committee moved on to discuss the RFP for the Truman Beacon program. The committee will reach out to the bidders to find out if the principal has signed off for them. If not, we will reach out to the district superintendent since the principal has been non-responsive.

We next discussed the possibility of trying to change the community education councils (cec) to be co-terminus with community boards as are police, fire, sanitation and parks. The committee feels that this would make it much easier for cec's to work with the community boards.

We next discussed Councilman Gjonaj request for suggestions on how to spend discretionary capital funds. Going over the CB10 Capital Budget Priorities the only education item listed was priority 15, Technology Upgrade for Mott Hall on the IS 192 campus.

The committee went on to discuss the possibility of eliminating all specialized schools. The main reason there has been talk of this is that those with the resources can afford to pay for test preparation courses and this causes a cultural disparity. The committee felt that the specialized schools training programs should be available through department of education and free to all who choose to utilize it. If the specialized schools are not reflecting the cultural mix of the community because of resources then the resources should be made available rather than eliminate the programs.

For next month's meeting Anthony Otten of Child Health & Mental Health Center will join us to tell us about his program.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Bieder, Chairman Youth & Education