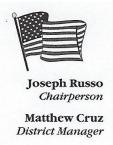


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Youth and Education Committee Meeting

Monday, October 28 at 7 P.M.

Present: R. Bieder, A. Beluso, L. Council, M. Davila, A. Torres, S. Woods

Absent: J. Thomas, J. Onwu, N. Sala

Observers: A. Otten, A. Ronda, G. Cannon, N. Kelly, P. Okeoma

Chairperson Bieder called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

District 8 Superintendent Erika Tobia introduced herself and took questions from the committee. Superintendent Tobia mentioned her priority to visit classrooms each day, connect with parents through social media and events and to re-connect with Community Boards on issues where the Board can be of assistance and maintain active partnership. The Committee committed to having more Department of Education representatives and parents at the committee to discuss local matters. The Committee endeavors to work with the District Manager on developing resources for parents about homeless prevention, available public benefits and programming for the Board website.

The Committee listened to a brief introduction of the New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center on its work combatting bullying in schools. The organization accepts only public health insurances. It is a resource for adults as well as children that are either victims of bullying or are bullying other peers.

The Committee listened to a brief presentation by Mentoring in Medicine. It is an organization dedicated to teaching young people about careers in health care. Mentoring in Medicine operates after school and summer programming. It has submitted a bid to operate beacon programming at Truman High School.

There was neither old or new business. The meeting concluded roughly around 9 P.M. by a vote of adjournment proposed by M. Davila and seconded by A. Torres and unanimously approved by all.