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Youth and Education Committee

October 26, 2020

Via CISCO WEBEX

Present: B. Bieder, J. Thomas, S. Woods, A. Torres, B. Vasquez, M. Bufano, M. Sajous

Absent: L. Council, M. Davila, N. Sala

The Board received the checks for the Yankee grants and will be presenting to the students on 11/5 at 6pm outside the board office in a socially responsible way. The Bronx Times Reporter will be asked to do photos for the occasion. In addition, the Board is reaching out to the Yankee organization for the next opportunity for grants.

Matt Cruz and Marjorie Velazquez represented the Board at the Borough President Tech Equity day of action. This is exactly what we discussed last month at our youth committee and were grateful that Matt and Marjorie were able to join our Borough President in the most important endeavor. Thanks to this effort our three shelters in CB10 will be receiving wi-fi service for the students to remote learn.

We will be continuing to reach out and work with Borough President Diaz office as to what next steps we can take in order to insure a robust remote learning experience for all students. Matt has continued to reach out to our schools and has made some progress learning where there is need for laptops and we will work on filling those needs.

Michelle Sajous reported that North Bronx Sports Association has been awarded the contract for the Beacon School at Truman HS. WE will reach out to them for more details.

Angela told us that the Chancellor is changing the selection for remote or blended learning to only having one chance to decide for the year. From 11/1 to 11/15 parents must choose for the rest of this school year. There have also been changes to the schedules. It is felt that the DOE is still adjusting to this new system and trying to work out the kinks. Planning seems to have been sadly lacking.

Stephanie brought up the issue of the social and emotional impacts on the students and those who need social workers. Matt informed us that ACS is checking in on any parent that is not signing the students in to their remote learning classes. The counsellors are overloaded and there are those asking for volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bieder,

chair