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Education, Culture & Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Diane Norris, Chair; Bernadette Ferrara, Danny Monti, and Shradhanand Pirtam.

ABSENT: Gabriella Musto, and Marnie Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Linda White, Co-Chair.

GUEST: Gregory Rodriguez representing The Academy for Collegiate Excellence (ACE) Charter School; Brigette Hargett from PS 138

The meeting was called to order at: 7:07 p.m.

Meeting began with Mr. Greg Rodriguez discussing why and when for proposing a new college preparatory charter high school for the Bronx in School Districts 8 and 12 including some of CB11 and CB10, serving Grade 9 in 2018-19 school years. Proposed opening date is August 2018. Letter of Intent will be submitted January 25, 2017. Grade levels will be 9 to 12, phasing in year by year with 100 students in August 2018 with 500 at full capacity. This charter school is not part of the CMO (Charter Management Organization) but an individual charter, School Empowerment Network (SEN). Mr. Rodriguez's past experience has been with the UFT Charter School in Brooklyn, 7yrs with Fanny Lou HS in Brooklyn and 4 years as AP with Westchester Square Academy.

ACE is a small uniform college preparatory high school designed to help students enter college with competitive knowledge and skills.

To find out more: www.acecharterhs.org and FB: @acecharterNYC

Mr. Rodriguez requested a letter of support from CB11.

New Business:

Discussion about the desperate need for middle schools in CB11 and request Jeremy to send this request in a letter to our elected officials. Also requesting local Civic Associations to do the same.

Old Business:

Yankee Leadership Awards from 2016 and preparing for 2017 nominees.
Gathering information for summer camp programs for families.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Bernadette Ferrara.