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Education, Culture & Youth Services Committee Meeting
September 14, 2022
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Bernadette Ferrara (Chair), Malcolm Gray, Phyllis Nastasio, and Yahay Obeid (ex-officio)

EXCUSED: Salsabeel Al-Silwi

ABSENT: Keith Ramsey

STAFF: Jeremy Warneke (District Manager)

GUESTS: Carol Ann Gilligan (Van Nest Academy Principal), Chun Chun, Serena Muñiz and Dwayne Williams (Board Members), Bobbi Mitchell, Jeannine Timpone and Silvia (members of the public)

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

 Guest: Principal Carol Ann Gilligan, P.S./M.S. 11X498 - Van Nest Academy

C.A. Gilligan talked about the following items:

- The opening of Van Nest Academy and the need for middle school seats in the district
- Van Nest is a lottery school, they take 30 new students per year
- Enrollment is down overall
- 3rd floor is used by DC75
- Share space with Charter school
- School was built with SCA and Charter School money
- They are a school in good standing so they have leeway when choosing curriculum
- School celebrates students' differences
- PTA always struggles to get help
- 2. Gallery Session (Public Input)
 There is a need for a community center.

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B. Ferrara stated that the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance's Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by P. Nastasio; edited and formatted by J. Warneke.

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