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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

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| Chair: | Leurys Acosta |
| Meeting Date: | December 12, 2023 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30 pm |
| Meeting Location: | New York Public Library 310 E Kingsbridge Rd, Bronx, NY 10458 |
| Members In Attendance: | _ Yeny Medina _ Carlos Sosa ✓ Adaline Walker-Santiago ✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Tasha Andrews ✓ Tayna Peña ✓ Betty Arce |
| Minutes done by: | Leurys Acosta |

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines & Code of conduct by Leurys Acosta**
- II. Attendance-Quorum met**
- III. Review of November 2023 Minutes**
- IV. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- V. New Business**
 - A. Bronx Library Center, NYPL**
 - 1. Jenee Bre - supervising librarian:
 - a) Sbe shared branch updates as well as information on its children’s center programming.
 - b) The children’s center seats over 64 children and offers the most extensive early learning materials in the Bronx. It is available in multiple languages. They have diverse programming, audiobooks available, and after school for ages 6-12.

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- c) Addressing the budget cuts, Jenee shared that branches are closed on Sundays and there is a hiring freeze. If the additional 5% cuts happen, programming and materials will get cut as well.

B. NYC Mayoral Control over schools:

1. The committee discussed the City's hearing tour on the mayoral control of schools.
2. Committee members Adaline and Betty shared their knowledge of the NYC history of the changes in mayoral control since 2001.
3. The Panel for Educational Policy is meant to represent the community's voice but with the mayor appointing 13 of its 23 members, it's under the mayor's control.
4. Committee members discussed how Bronx school district 10 has been historically overcrowded and not much has been done about it. Perhaps stronger community input could influence a change

C. Committee Awards

1. The committee discussed the creation of a new tradition. In the spring we would like to present a certificate of acknowledgement to those who exemplify our committee values. We hope to highlight an outstanding student, a student-athlete, an educator, and a parent advocate. More soon as we iron out the details.

VI. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

VII. Discussion on next agenda: Committee Awards

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting ends