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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair	Myrna Calderon
Meeting Date:	Wednesday February 6, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yeny Medina <input type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf <input type="checkbox"/> Yini Rodriguez
Minutes Done By:	Myrna Calderon

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
 - a) Quorum reached meeting called to order 6:35
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
 - a) Update to plans for parent resource fair, with an emphasis on Special Education resources. Ischia Bravo was able to update committee on cost for vendor to provide entertainment for children. Still Awaiting firm date and location from Lehman College for parent resource fair. Yini Rodriguez is contact person for Lehman College.
 - b) Letter from Christopher Mattura was distributed to committee members. The letter was in answer to questions which arose from his presentation for proposed middle school in CB7.
- IV. New Business**
 - a) Myrna Calderon distributed information concerning programs at our local libraries. Advised the community to take advantage of the free programs available to people of all ages at our local libraries.
 - b) Ms. Calderon advised committee that another meeting would need to be set up to discuss planning for the parent resource fair.
 - c) Presentation:
 - 1. Nadia Hernandez: Founder; Agents of Change Charter School; School would start with grades K-2 serving the communities of Fordham, Bedford and Norwood eventually progressing to the 5th grade.



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2. The school would use project based learning. Students would be presented with a problem to solve from the community. Students would work across the curriculum to solve the problem/project.
3. The school would also use a Social/Emotional learning approach.
4. Ms. Hernandez stated they would educate children on nutrition because there is an obesity problem amongst school children.
5. They would be promoting athletics (sports) thru The “Legacy Volley Ball Club” who will be a partner with the school.
6. They also will be STEM based learning model.
7. Proposed school schedule as follows:
 - Starting time *8AM Closing 6PM
 - 8:30 Breakfast
 - 9-3 Project based learning
 - 3-3:40 special projects
 - 3:40-6 Sports
8. Board asked about special needs students
Ms. Hernandez informed committee that plan was to start with 4 classes total; 3 General ED and 1 Special Ed.
9. They are looking to submit their application in April to the NYSED
10. Ischia Bravo asked for the names of the board members for the charter school

Questions:

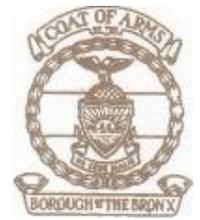
11. What need would they be filling for our community?
12. Why did you pick district ten?
13. Where will you funding for school?
14. Emmanuel Martinez: How do evaluate project based learning?
15. Yeny Rodriguez: Is this the first time this curriculum being used?
16. Has it been used before? If so where?
 - Answer: Texas and CA
17. What modifications if goals are not reached?
18. How do you engage family and community in your projects?



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- Answers; Curriculum is not new has been used before in Texas and California. There is a network of schools using this model
- *New Tech Network (193 schools)
- Also being used at New Tech Valley High School (142-145 children)

19. How would students be admitted?

- Since it would be a charter school they would be using a lottery system

20. Finally Ischia Bravo stated that the board would need more information concerning board members and funding sources for the school.

21. Ms. Calderon wanted to see a more detailed application and stated the NYSED would also require a lot more information. She thanked Ms. Hernandez for the presentation and invited her back when she had more details concerning the school.

d) Yankee Scholarship Application Review

1. 5 applications submitted on time
2. 1 application submitted late
3. 2 applications were disqualified; students did not live in community board seven.
4. One more application would be solicited to be submitted.

V. Discussion on next month's agenda

VI. Next month's meeting date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

VII. Adjournment 7:40PM