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EDUCATION / LIBRARIES / CULTURAL AFFAIRS & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, December 18, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance Sheet in file
 - A. Committee Members in attendance include Bruce Kaufman, Committee Chairperson, Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky, Kevin Miner
 - B. Excused Members include Gloria Bent
 - C. Absent (Unexcused) members include Edward DeJesus, Ruben Torr
 - D. Community Members, Guests and Agencies Present include Diane Acciavai from Original Arts in Fusion and Lorilet Monogro from LMBilSLP
- II. Topics Covered:
 - A. Discussed Long Term Planning Goals:
 - Access to Affordable or Free Enrichment Programs for all students at school until 6:30 PM. These might include lessons in, Drama, Art Literary Arts, Foreign Languages, Math, Technology, Financial Literacy, Community Service, Dance and Sports
 - 2. Reduced Class Size in all Schools to no more than 24 per Class
 - 3. Access to Special Ed and G&T classroom to all who qualify
 - 4. Access to More Continuing Education Opportunities for Teens and Adults. These might include vocational and non-vocational, GED, ESL, Citizenship, Healthy Living, Sports and Fitness
 - 5. An Additional Community Center
 - 6. Two Additional Libraries
 - 7. Extending Library Hours and Programs
 - 8. A Public Art requirement for all new construction
- III. Presentations:
 - A. Heard presentations from Ms Acciava and Monogro about hopes of providing greater community access to Arts programs in the community, one has started and the other hopes to start such a program. A dialogue ensued about sources of information, organizational structure and potential funding sources
- IV. Meeting adjourned