



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

December 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Ram Halder, Janelle Harper, Julio Quinones Jr, Norma Saunders, Wajied Hakim, Derrick Holman (non-committee member), Esther Ford (non-committee member)

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

1. Speakers

- A. Anna Killion (DDC) Lesle Williams (NYPL), Jacqueline Abel (NYPL), Frances Urroz (NYPL), Kathleen Carrasco (NYPL), Steven Delacruz (NYPL) - Castle Hill Library Renovation: Community Engagement Launch**
- Castle Hill Library Background: Located at 947 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY; Built in 1952; Opened as an NYPL branch in 1981; One story; 6,183 SF; Upcoming full renovation planned.
 - The project is a complete interior renovation; a new façade (raising façade from 16ft to 22ft), entrance & roof; all new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; Key features of the renovation: State of the art interiors with abundant daylight; Beautiful new façade with inviting entrance; Dedicated spaces for Adults, Teens, and Children; Large community room & a meeting room for various programming; New and improved technology for patrons and staff; New furniture and lighting throughout; Improved and efficient staff areas; and Accessible restrooms for public and staff (an additional 1 or 2 restrooms will be added to the design than currently available)
 - Castle Hill Library: Construction Schedule: Current Project Status: Bid Process Started; Branch Closure: June 2025; Construction Start: August 2025; Construction End: Summer 2027; Branch Re-opens: Fall 2027
 - 1.5 Million was funded by CM Farias to support this project, the project has a total budget of 17 Million.
 - BM Inquiry, how can we add Bangla books into libraries? As per NYPL Rep there is a very rigorous process to add books to circulation, will share information on this process via a follow-up email.
 - Request for Sunday Branch Hours once the Library is re-opened. As per NYPL Rep, they will look into the feasibility of this request.

- Bookmobile site has not yet been confirmed, however, once it is, notifications will be sent and the bookmobile will be parked there on a weekly basis.
- As per BM inquiry, what happens to old books as this new site will incorporate all new books? As per NYPL Rep, old books get spread around to other branches as well as used in the Bookmobile.

B. Silvia Hernandez, School District 8

Various flyers distributed with upcoming events, opportunities and resources. Flyers will be added to CB9 email bulletin for wide distribution.

- Keep Your Child Growing as a Reader Over School Breaks-At Home and In Your Community: schools.nyc.gov/NYCRoads
- CEC8 Calendar/Business Meeting Save the Date Dec 18th at 6:00PM at PS130 at 750 Prospect Ave
- We're Hiring Food Services Superheroes: Schools.nyc.gov/FoodServiceJobs or call 718-707-4400
- All NYC Public School Students EAT FREE Breakfast & Lunch
- Tell Us What You Want To Eat on.nyc.gov/SchoolFoodSurvey

BM request for Bengali dance activities at local schools as well as Bangla language services in class. As per Ms. Hernandez, the Superintendent has been pushing for all these resources however, the issue is lack of funding.

Inquiry regarding district wide mandates on school trips, Ms. Hernandez will look into this matter and get back to CB9 with more information.

CB9 to connect with Parent Coordinators to attend PDs to discuss grant opportunities for services requested in the district.

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