

Chairman Nicholas Himidian & District Manager William Rivera

Youth and Education Committee Meeting **Minutes April 12, 2018**

Meeting Location: BRONX CB9 OFFICE Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chair of Committee Venus Williams, Co-Chair Harry Dunlap, Felipa Manaiza, Abnunoman Rahman, Hannia Godinez

Introduction

A. Committee Chair, Board Members & Guest

B. 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

Guest Speakers

A. Allison Walsh, P.S. 567 Linden Tree

Parent Coordinator Allison Walsh and Assistant Principal Jaime Sorhaindo were present and explained that P.S. 567 is a public school that shares a campus with 127. The school opened in 2012 and will have their first 5th grade graduation this spring. They are now a magnet school, which means they will receive a federal grant of 3 million dollars over the course of 5 years. The theme of the school is STEM and their new name is Linden Tree Magnet School for Global Leaders of Innovation and Discovery. They are a zone school but they can take applications from nonzone students through the magnet school application. The school has an open door policy. There will a community fair on April 28th and the school would love CB9's help to let residents know of this school as well as to connect the school with 43rd precinct to possibly get a rock wall for the fair. They are also looking for local business to attend the fair that want to promote their business or organization. They do not have an afterschool program at the moment. The school is still looking for an afterschool provider. The school is on social media and encouraged everyone at the meeting to follow. Ms. Walsh is happy to help any parents not just Linden Tree Parents. As per Committee Chair Venus Williams, the school should also present at our upcoming General Board Meeting.

Old Business

A. Yankees Youth Leadership Award

- As per Committee Chair Venus Williams, Board Members Felipa Manaiza and Harry Dunlap will be in attendance to accompany the Yankees Youth Leadership recipients on May 11th at 6:15pm on behalf of the committee chair.
- **B.** As per Committee Chair Venus Williams, as per Chairman Himidian, the Easter Egg Hunt went really well and there was a great turnout. Due to the lack of parking, the board chair and committee chair were unable to stay but they were able to drop off some candy.
- C. As per Co-Chair Harry Dunlap, he is waiting to hear back from my college and career counselors because the committee are trying to host a college and career information night. The site for this event is still to be determined.
- **D.** As per the ferry inquiry, Committee Chair Venus Williams explained that the ride cost \$2.75 and includes a free transfer to another NYC ferry though there is no transfer to MTA train or busses. Committee chair to text ferry article to participant who inquired.

New Business

- A. Committee Chair Venus Williams named BM Harry Dunlap as Co-Chair of the Youth & Education Committee
- B. Committee Chair Venus Williams opened the meeting to the public and Nohely Murillo, Soundview resident of 5 years spoke about attending this meeting to get familiar with how committee meetings work.
- C. In September there will be another back pack giveaway. Last year 2 schools and a baseball team were awarded the donations, the Parkchester Elementary School, PS 127 and PS 106 received donations. If any schools are interested in receiving these donations for their less fortunate students, please contact the youth & education committee. The committee also hosts a toy drive and this year, Committee Chair Venus Williams is hoping to donate to a school that has children that are less fortunate.
- D. As per a resident, is there a possibility to host free haircuts for graduation and prom for schools in the district? As per Committee Chair Venus Williams, I got an email from an organization that does donations for dresses, tuxes, hair, nails, and makeup for students. I will send the flyer to the board and ask the community board to blast the flyer. "We don't want to take the business from them because they have been successful."

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 P.M.

Minutes Transcribed by CB9 Staff.