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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
JUNE 15, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item: Attendance

Committee Members Present: *Deborah Yates, Stephanie Palmer, Daniel Clark, Marquis Harrison, Tamara Martin, Chrystal McKay, Milan Reed*

Committee Members Absent: *Mari Moss, Jennifer Prince, Jamilah Clark, Afrika Owens, Joshua Clennon*

Other Board Members Present: *Wilma Brown Phillips, Shamier Settle, Kimberly McLaurin, Verna Diggs*

Guest Presenters: *Steve Evangelista - Harlem Link Charter School, Alexander Betancourt - The Department of Youth and Community Development, Alex Gomez - Project Hope*

Staff Present: Jasmin Heatley , Shatic Mitchell

DISCUSSION

Agenda Item: Harlem Link Charter School

Key Discussion Points:

Steve Evangelista, Co Founder and Principal of the Harlem Link Charter School provided an overview of the school's mission and vision. The school is located at 21 West 111th Street. Harlem Link is a Pre-K to 5 public charter school The school has served the Harlem community since 2005. There are 475 students. Of particular interest to CB10 is that teachers have been engaged in the development of Trauma Sensitive training. Given the knowledge that many of the children in our community have been exposed to traumatic circumstances.

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Agenda Item: The Summer Youth Employment Program Update and Summer Rising Program

Key Discussion Points:

Alexander Betancourt from The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) provided the committee with an update on the Agencies summer programming. There is 2000 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) slots and 4 providers in our district. They are, The Children's Aid Society- 1108 slots, The Police Athletic League - 376, slots, Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services -216 slots,, (CASES) and the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club- 300 slots. A new summer programming initiative is the Summer Rising Program. This is New York City's free school-based summer program for children K-8. Funded through (DYCD) and the Department of Education (DOE) 23 school sites in our community will partner with Not for Profit organizations to provide a full day program of educational and recreational activities this summer.

Agenda Item : Youth Speak Out and The Art of Self Expression

Key Discussion Points :

We asked Alex Gomez from Project Hope, to speak with the committee about the impact of the pandemic on young people. He confirmed that youth between the ages of 12 and 17 's mental health is significantly impacted by the pandemic and shared the various services available through Project Hope. These included a 24 hour emotional Support Helpline to families and children. The committee discussed their plans to provide young people in our community with an outlet to express their voices and be heard, through an Education, Youth and Libraries committee initiative called Youth Speak Out. The committee discussed planning ideas for this event that will take place in the fall.

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Action Items:

- The committee will make sure that the status of charter schools in our community will be a focus on next year's agenda.
- The committee will request reports from DYCD and the 4 providers in our district next fall and winter
- The committee will work with staff to identify resources to employ several youth to work on the Youth Speak Out through SYEP this summer
- The committee will reschedule those scheduled guest presenters who did attend the meeting

Announcements

The NYPL's are open with extended hours. The libraries will feature virtual summer programming. Special event book give-a-ways will be disseminated to the community.

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