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Youth & Education Committee
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Present: Hector Nazario, César Ortiz, Nina Saxon, Tatiana Orlov, Jonathan Carrillo

Absent: Laura Benitez, Eric Canales

Excused: Peggy Morales, David Giordano

Guest(s): Sonia Rodríguez/CEC 4, Moira Cray/NYCA Charter School, Christiana Nyanteh/HHC, Elsie Encarnación/C.C., Nicole Motley & Elaine Almonte/Democracy Prep, Johnny Rivera/Harlem RBI

Meeting began by Chair César Ortiz welcoming everyone to the meeting and asking everyone to introduce themselves.

Discussions and Presentations:

A. Community Schools Assessment

The Committee is assessing the information gathered from the report of school report cards (shown below), and setting up a system where we, the Youth and Education Committee, can assess the schools that are doing poorly in the district. The document being implemented will provide an ideal evaluation of each school detailing grading (i.e., test scores, safety data, etc.) This system will give us an idea of how schools are performing in various areas. School visits and sitting in on School Leadership Team (SLT's), will give us more insight into the status of our schools. We're in the first stage of this document, which will entail school report card assessment as well as other vital information to assist us in making our own assessment as to why our schools are underperforming.

RECAP OF DOCUMENT THAT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED WITH SCHOOL REPORT CARD OUTCOMES

2009/10 Report Card Outcome document which detailed the report card grades given to each of CB11 schools in Districts 4, 5, 75 and 84. Forty (40) schools encompass District 4; five (5) schools in District 5; one (1) school in District 75; four (4) charter schools.

For the school report card, grading is detailed using the following formula from the 2008-09 school year:

- . Environment – 15% of overall grade.
- . Performance – 25% of overall grade
- . Progress – 60% of overall grade

Schools receive an overall grade which determines their status as an educational institution. For example, if a school receives an overall grade of “A” or “B” is safe from any intervention, but if a school receives three consecutive “C’s”, it goes into a restructuring process or possible phase-out. If any school receives one (1) “D” or “F” it automatically goes into restructuring/phase-out status, where staff is brought in from the DOE to take over the building for restructuring, if this process doesn’t turn the school around, phase-out mode takes precedence.

Breakdown of report per district, served showing the two most critical grades:

	<i>DISTRICT 4* SCHOOLS (40)</i>	<i>DISTRICT 5 SCHOOLS (5)</i>	<i>DISTRICT 75 SCHOOLS (1)</i>	<i>DISTRICT 84 (CHARTER SCHOOLS) (4)</i>	
OVERALL GRADE	<i>F- (1 SCHOOL) D- (0 SCHOOL) C- (14 SCHOOLS) B- (7 SCHOOLS) A- (13 SCHOOLS) *5 schools were not graded</i>	<i>F- (0 SCHOOL) D- (1 SCHOOL) C- (2 SCHOOLS) B- (1 SCHOOL) A- (1 SCHOOL)</i>	<i>F- (0 SCHOOL) D- (0 SCHOOL) C- (0 SCHOOLS) B- (0 SCHOOL) A- (1 SCHOOL)</i>	<i>F- (0 SCHOOL) D- (0 SCHOOL) C- (4 SCHOOLS) B- (0 SCHOOL) A- (0 SCHOOL)</i>	
PERFORMANCE GRADE	<i>F- (6 SCHOOLS) D- (11 SCHOOLS) C- (6 SCHOOLS) B- (5 SCHOOLS) A- (7 SCHOOLS)</i>	<i>F- (1 SCHOOL) D- (2 SCHOOLS) C- (2 SCHOOLS) B- (0 SCHOOL) A- (0 SCHOOL)</i>	<i>F- (0 SCHOOL) D- (1 SCHOOL) C- (0 SCHOOLS) B- (0 SCHOOL) A- (0 SCHOOL)</i>	<i>F- (1 SCHOOL) D- (0 SCHOOL) C- (1 SCHOOL) B- (1 SCHOOL) A- (1 SCHOOL)</i>	

B. Youth Violence Taskforce

Taskforce has begun having meetings throughout the community to tackle the problem with youth violence. The second meeting will be taking place on May 5, 2011. Breakout sessions will be spearheaded by young people.

C. PCB’s in Schools

Hector reported that a town hall is being scheduled soon to tackle the issue of PCB’s in our district’s schools. The Council woman, Melissa Mark-Viverito, as well as our Assemblyman Robert Rodriguez are supporting the efforts of the CEC. P.S. 83 is one of the many schools which has been reported as having an extremely high reading of PCB’s.

Announcements

Youth Violence Task Force meeting taking place at the Boys Club, 321 East 111th Street, from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Action Item(s)

None