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Youth and Education Committee
Tuesday, January 14th, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Board Office, 1664 Park Avenue

***** MINUTES *****

Present: David Giordano, Jada Heredia, John Green, Malik McCullough, Isaac Scott, Jason Villanueva, Carly Wine (staff), and Jason Wu

Absent:

Excused: Yolanda Brown, Elsie Encarnacion, Mahfuzur Rahman

Guests: Kevin Jean Baptiste, DANY; Vileti Akolo, Community Navigators; Saida Gordon, Community Navigators; Jaime Rodriguez, East Harlem Tutorial Program; Ayana Smith, Teens Take Charge; Victor Ortiz, NYAM; Ada, Schroeder, BBBS of NYC; Keyona Forbes, The New York Foundling; Kimber Bogard, NYAM; Jelysa Roberts, DOE

1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda
A motion to adopt the agenda was made by John Green and seconded by Isaac Scott at approximately 6:39 PM.
2. Presentations & Discussions
 - a. Ms. Keyona Forbes of The New York Foundling, made a presentation on Communities that Care (CTC) system in East Harlem led by The New York Foundling. Keyona Forbes stated that CTC work with community members help the community identify concerns, issues, problems and risk factors within a community, utilizing a Social Developmental Strategy using a public health approach to identify risk factors and community resources to assist in addressing such areas mentioned above. Engaging in a collaborative and collective impact as they identify and gather information through surveys and bringing community members together in forums to gather info and make recommendations. There are five different steps (Introduce, Organize, Assess, Create, Implement & Evaluate) of the program, they are currently in step one in East Harlem. There are programs nation-wide, and there is currently one program operating in Staten Island and now one East Harlem.

B. Ms. Kimber Bogard, New Academy of Medicine gave an update presentation on the progress of the East Harlem Action Collaborative (EHAC) for Child Health and Well-being. Kimber Bogard explained that the pilot program has been a huge success and the funding to expand the program is in place. The goals of the program is to empower community capacity building of members/parents into becoming advocates for their children's development and well being. The program identified parents of early childhood and school age children and asked them to attend a series of meeting and trainings to gather information on their children from their perspectives and based on what they feel are their needs as well as and their children's needs. After compiling information, the community members/parents were then trained to present and advocate for their children's needs through conducting such presentations for other community forums and meetings. Committee members gave positive feedback of the program and the presentation observed during other community forums.

C. Presentation by Teens Take Charge, a youth activist group fighting for educational equity.

Two Youth Advocates from Teens Take Charge did a wonderful and engaging presentation on their organization and the advocacy work they are currently engaged in: They have taken part in youth testimonies, demonstrations, meetings with the chancellor and mayor's office to address issues as they relate to fair student Enrolment, Discriminatory admissions screens, segregation of NYC schools and resource equity such as: Fair Admissions For All, Paid Internships for All, More School Counselors, Shared Courses & Activities.

3. New Business

Resolutions:

The Committee Chair presented to very important Resolutions as it relates to Youth & Education that were presented at this month's DOE CEC D4 meeting:

- Community Education Council District 6 (CEC6) Resolution in Support of The Black Lives Matter" in Teaching Curriculum
- Resolution on School Diversity Advisory Group Recommendations

The committee quickly reviewed and after some discussion, the Committee Chair asked members to take time to review after committee so that we would have final discussion at the next committee meeting on whether to adapt or not or adopt and edit.

4. Old Business

New York Fair Student Funding. One Again the issue was raised regarding the committee's advocacy and follow up to previous Committee and Board resolutions, Specifically as it relates to a letter sent to the Governor, who has not responded to our resolution and letter regarding Fair Student Funding that is entitled to New York Youth/students that is both much needed and needs to be addressed. Members discussed joining with advocacy group, AQENY doing work on these issues and inviting to our committee meeting.

5. Announcements

- a. Imagine NYC Schools Kick-Off event on Thursday, January 30th

Cary Wine present information on NYC DOE information sessions on new model of schools NYC DOE is interested in developing.

- B. Big Brother & Big Sisters- Call for volunteers and mentors for youth. Long standing organization devoted to helping young people by providing role models.
- C. Ms. Robers of NYC DOE gave update information regarding enrollment for 3-K, Pre-K & Kindergarten enrollment dates for DOE.

6. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Jason Villanueva seconded by Isaac Scott.