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Youth and Education Committee Tuesday, March 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Board Office

***** Minutes*****

- Present: Yolanda Brown, Elsie Encaranacion, Lilybelle Gonzalez, John Green, Shawn Smith, Jason Villanueva, Nilsa Orama (ex officio)
- Excused: Mahfuzur Rahman, David Giordano
- Guests: Paul Dawkins, Terrence Byerson, Jazmin Cameron, Susan Gonzowitz, Madai Velez

1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Quorum was attained at 6:17 p.m. with a motion made by John Green and seconded by Lilybelle. All in favor.

2. Announcements

- a. Madai Velez, from the District Attorney's Office announced two events. One is the Youth Empowerment Summit that will be taking place on Saturday, April 14 from 12 p.m.- 4 p.m. at Dream Charter School and they will also be hosting the Gun Fellowship Program for high school students that have been victims of gun violence
- b. New York State of Mind (NYSOM) announced their Easter event on March 31st from 10am-4pm on 117th Street between 1st and Pleasant Avenues
- c. Jason Villanueva announced Covenant House's "Sleep Out", a project in which young professionals are going to sleep one night out in the street to raise awareness for child homelessness. This was inspired by the ice-water bucket challenge to raise awareness for ALS, also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease".

3. Presentations & Discussions

- a. East Harlem Tutorial Program presented their Teacher Residency Program

Susan Gonzowitz and Jazmin Cameron of East Harlem Tutorial Program came and introduced their Teacher Residency Program at the committee. The program is designed for those who have a Bachelor's degree, with no educational background, to apply to the teaching program at Hunter College, in which the student earn their master's degree, with initial certification, from Hunter College in education as a result of taking classes and being a resident at the school. The program is targeting people from East Harlem who fit the description of the aforementioned.

- b. Strive International to presented their programming for adults from 18-24 years of age

Terrence Byerson, Coordinator at STRIVE International, came and presented on a program that is ran with a grant from the US Department of Labor. The program is broken down into 5 cohorts throughout the year and offers programming for 4 different types of certifications: OSHA 10, Certified Nurse Assistant, MS Office and Food Handler's License. The students are then placed in an 8 week, full time internship at a rate of \$13 dollars an hour. After the internship is complete, they are helped by STRIVE to find permanent work.

- c. Association to Benefit Children (ABC) presented on some of the offerings on their programs

The organization came and presented on their many programs aimed at children from conception to college. They offer daycare services, youth programming such as fencing, boxing and yoga. They also offer programming to help parents develop. Their approach is very holistic.

4. Old Business

- a. Capital Budget and Expense

Vice Chair Pastor Yolanda Brown tabled the discussion of the budget until David Giordano returns back to the committee next month.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned when a motion to Adjourn was made by Jason Villanueva and seconded by Lilybelle Gonzalez. All in favor.