Youth and Education Committee
Tuesday, June 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Board Office

*** Minutes***

Present: Elsie Encarnacion, David Giordano, Lilybelle Gonzalez, John Green, Jason Villanueva, Nilsa Orama (ex officio), Thomas Herrera (staff),

Excused: Shawn Smith; Mahfuzur Rahman

Guests: Linara Davidson, Madai Velez, Paul Dawkins, Janine Delgado, Alicia Kushner, Francis Tabone, Janine Douglas

1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Announcements

   a. David Giordano announced the community meeting on the future of Children’s Aid East Harlem Center to be held at 130 East 101st Street at the East Harlem Center at 6pm on April 11, 2018
   
   b. Thomas Herrera announced that the Full Board meeting will take place on Wednesday June 20th instead of Tuesday June 19th. The location will remain the same.

3. Presentations & Discussions

   a. Discussion on East Harlem Scholar’s plans to revise their charter

      i. Ms. Linara Davis presented East Harlem Scholar’s plans to revise its charter with the state in order to have a high school added to its school. East Harlem Scholars are looking to enroll approximately 150 freshmen students for the 2020 school year. The committee had concerns about recruitment of students here in East Harlem. Ms. Davis guaranteed the
committee that she will return and collaborate with the committee to seek ways to increase enrollment here in Community Board 11.

b. Cooke School to update the committee on the progress of their construction and programming

i. Representatives from the Cooke School came to discuss the construction and progress of their school. They informed us that their unique program provides services for all the five boroughs, including New Jersey. They informed us that 11% of their students are from East Harlem. The Cooke School was also pressed on local hiring since the requirements for construction are not strict.

4. Old Business

a. Children’s Aid East Harlem Center

i. Jason Villanueva, committee member and chair of the District Needs and Budget committee, once again discussed the outlook of the committee and how it should approach its advocacy for funding and prepare itself for FY2020. The committee must submit its corrections (if any) to the narrative of the statement of district needs and additions/subtractions from the budget before July 15th in order for the items to be added into the final statement of district needs.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm