



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

November 10, 2022

Board Members Present: Monique Farrington, Ram Halder, Lenora Easter, Miriam Sanchez, Lena Johnson, Wajied Hakim, Julio Quinones, Nellie Santiago Rivera, Lashei Deoleo

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

II. Speakers

- A. School District 8-** Superintendent Jennifer Joynt, gave an update on the district wide learning and listening tours. There will be a Town Hall meeting on November 22, 2022
- B. Dr. Christian Toala, Director of Educational Initiatives at ECPAT USA-** Dr. Toala spoke about human trafficking, cyber bullying, and social identity crisis. The program partners with CBO's and schools to enroll students in middle school to high school. Paid internships are also offered for youth to teach other youth. The presentation/links will be emailed.
- C. Kimberly Smith, Health Care Career Instructor at Hero High School-** Ms. Smith gave a presentation on the services at Hero High School, grades 9-14 (including college and career prep). Free 2-year college degrees in collaboration with Hostos, internships with Montefiore, nursing degrees are paid for by the DOE and Associate Degrees are free. Hero High also has courses in business and nonprofit management, early childhood education, teacher preparation program. Paid internships in the summer and winter sponsored by DYCD, once you are enrolled you don't have to go through the lottery process for jobs. Hero High also offers a science hands on program, real world math, history, and ELA senior capstone.
- D. Dilem Valenzuela, NYC Poison Control-** Ms. Valenzuela gave a presentation on different medications, household items and gases in the home to be aware of. Ms. Valenzuela also stated that CBD treats look a lot like candies and schools and students should be aware. The NYC Poison Control Center is available 24/7/365 - fast, free, confidential. Translation services are available in 150 languages. Call 212-764-7667 with any questions about medicines, cleaners, and disinfectants. We are also available to provide FREE workshops for community groups. To request a community education presentation, click <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6046718/Request-a-Presentation->

PCC website <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/poison-control.page> to register for our upcoming trainings. To order Poison Control Center material: <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/poison/safety-material-order-form.pdf> monthly webinars
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/environmental/healthy-homes-trainings-workshops-2022.pdf>

- E. PAPEC-** The PAPEC president gave an update on the Cancer walk, PAPEC, gala, thanksgiving potluck with D8 and CEC. There will be an upcoming training on how to become a 501c3 and grant writing. On November 19th there will be a thanksgiving giveaway (turkey, chicken or pernil) RSVP is needed before the 19th. There will be an upcoming “toys for tots” at the hub, and a wrapping event which volunteers are needed for. Links will be sent with more information.
- F. Silvia Henandez-** There will be a town hall with Superintendent Joynt, flyer and link will be shared.
- G. Farah Despiegnes-** Ms. Despiegnes gave updates on NYCC-Bronx Safety summit, and gun violence prevention. A youth committee will be started with NYCCEFT for young girls in support of domestic violence. All meeting attendees discussed having a youth summit next year.
- H. Leshonda Belton-** Ms. Belton gave an update on the pantry at Sotomayor. November 20th there will be the “Caribbean quality project” from 2:30pm-5:30pm and a grand pantry giveaway on December 10th.
- I. Rima Izguierdo-** Ms. Izguierdo stated that there are still issues with bussing and the need for equity and access for the new middle school program. Superintendent Joynt stated that she is working with DOE on this matter. Ms. Izguierdo also stated that title 1 not being appropriate with dates on the school calendar and schools are not in compliance with title 1 for special programming, participatory funding, and specialized programs.
- J. BM Nellie Santiago Rivera-** COVID 19 booster shots are available at the Metro Community Health Center

III. DM Report

- DM Rivera visited Pugsley preparatory academy today and was given a tour by the principal. DM Rivera stated that amazing work is been done there.
- There will be a holiday coat drive and toy drive
- DM Rivera wants to have a meet and greet for the Board Members
- CB9 office renovations are complete, just waiting for electronics

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

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