

Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

## Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary September 8, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Monique Farrington, Ram Halder, Wajied Hakim, Brent Woodie, Kristine Garcia, Daniel Porro, Lenora Easter, Julio Quinones Jr.,

I. 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

- Amalia Olivia Rojas, Program Director & Melissa Park, Special Projects/Outreach and Recruitment Program Manager Ms. Rojas gave a presentation on the program "Girl Be Heard"
  - https://www.canva.com/design/DAFLBZEqEdM/R46XRDXdElKOWeOlqwPFGA/view?utm\_content=DAFLBZEqEdM&utm\_campaign=designshare&utm\_medium=link&utm\_source=publishsharelink#5
- Teaching Brainiacs-online Tutoring Founder Priscilla Oquendo. Ms. Oquendo gave a
  presentation on her free tutoring classes for adults and children online and updated on
  additional services like GED prep and more.
- District 75 Leader, Rima Izquierdo. Ms. Izquierdo gave an update on buses and the links to stay updated on
- Farrah Despeignes, President of CEC8. Ms. Despeignes gave updates on school issues on the rise and taking action. She will present next month with more details and how to get involved.
- Leshonda Belton gave updates of the food pantry that was being held at Sotomayor Community Center on 9/10/22 From 12-3pm. The one-year anniversary celebration will be at Sotomayor on September 24<sup>th</sup>, and other services that will also be available in the Community.
- Silvia Hernandez Nunez, Family Outreach Coordinator for District 8 stated to be on the lookout for an upcoming Back to School event. A flyer will be sent out.
- Angela Torres, PAPEC President gave an update of the PTA's. Next month she will present more.
- Miachael Sharpe, from the New York Dept Of Finance shared his information and will be referred BM Daniel Porro and the Social Services Committee to share about opportunities for home insurance

- Diamond Y. Moseley, COVID Disparities Program at Destination Tomorrow. The Bronx LGBT Center. destinationtomorrow.org, Instagram at dt4cdg and destinationtomorrow452. Email for general info is <a href="mailto:dt4cdg@gmail.com">dt4cdg@gmail.com</a>
- The Disability Pride Parade is Back in NYC! Sunday, October 2, 2022
- Rhonda Lamb shared that the Parkchester Pantry at St. Pauls will be back starting tomorrow.

## III. DM Report

• The District Needs Report and Budget priorities are submitted annually around this time of year and encompasses all aspects of government with CB9 recommendations. CB9 involves community board members via a survey that lists district priorities. The form is easy to fill and collectively as a Board these are reflected on the District Needs report. District Needs Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/52MG3JB

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

## **OFFICE INFO**