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# Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

June 8, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Lashei Deoleo, Julio Quinones Jr., Daniel Porro

## 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. Dan DeSantis, Magnet Resource Specialist - District 8, JHS 123-** Mr. DeSantis shared a presentation. JHS 123 is a Magnet school, which is a public school that offers a specialized theme-based curriculum and other special opportunities alongside the standard curriculum. Students who attend magnet schools do so with a focus on that school's special theme. The magnet theme is STEAM engines: Innovators driving change in our community and world. Everything done at JHS 123 ties back to the magnet theme. The themed-based curriculum has 20+ magnet project-based learning units. Hands on, engaging, and involve problem solving, across all grades and content areas. The STEAM lab is a flexible, multi-purpose space designed for both students and adults to learn through hands-on, project-based learning. It is equipped with 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies including MacBook computers, a promethean board, virtual reality, digital scanning, 3D printing, poster-making, video, and audio recording equipment. There are magnet community days that happen 3 or more times a year which celebrates the magnet theme. JHS 123 is an award-winning magnet school, the school has received the secondary magnet school of excellence award for 2021-2022.

## III. DM Report

- The committee will most likely have a chair/co-chair in September.
- Meetings will resume to in-person starting September. There will be no meetings in July & August.

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