

COMMUNITY BOARD 17
EDUCATION/YOUTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12TH, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Gail Grandison

Daniel CM

James Lewis

Monica Mckain-Brown

Muline Micke

Joan Bakiriddin

Rose Graham

Patricia Reddock

The meeting of the Education/Youth Committee was called to order by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Gail Grandison. Ms. Grandison asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Ms. Grandison said she would like the committee to continue working with a culture of professionalism and respect for each other and to be very mindful of each other's opinion or comments and be respectful of each other. She also emphasized the importance of starting the meeting on time and ending on time.

Chairperson's Report

- Monthly meetings has very low attendance.
- The bylaws state three consecutive misses without an excused that will be cause for removal . Will follow up with the chairperson of the board.
- Quorum is important, especially when visitors are invited to make a presentation
- There will be a workshop for community board scheduled for October 16th anyone interested in attending the link will be placed in the chat
- The Personnel Committee is in the process of conducting interviews, once completed there will be more staff in the office to assist the DM

Daniel- Representing Councilmember Louis presented on the following;

- Asylum seekers situation is developing, the mayor has indicated the influx of people in the shelters, which has reached a state of emergency.
- Requests were received from the principals of the schools to allocate more resources for afterschool, supplemental programs for those struggling or falling behind due to language barriers and due to lack of resources at home.
- There has been increased inquiry regarding placement in high schools and adjusted programs. The office is currently working to make sure that kids applying for high school are going onto the rank selections and matched with the appropriate schools they so desire and ensuring there is a collaborative process, so people have the correct pathway to the schools.
- There will be two participatory budgeting events on the Council's side for capital improvements to the schools. The 1st will be held at Glenwood houses community center and the next will be at the Flatbush YMCA. All information will be placed in the chat.

Question: Is there an adult center in the community that teaches a trade? It is important to teach a trade especially in high schools and to those who are not college bound.

Ms. Grandison said regarding Mr. Lewis inquire a Training center for the Community, funds were allocated for the Shirley Chisholm Recreational Center and they are scheduled to make a presentation to the Board. She said it's important to have the center in the community that offer skilled programs to the youths interested in learning a skill.

Spelling Bee

There has been no Spelling Bee competition for the past three years. The Committee will be hosting one next year. There were a number of complaints regarding the date and time of the previous events held on Saturdays and not inclusive of everyone, due to their schedule or holy holidays. There were ideas floating around that it should be held on a holiday, except Memorial weekend. It was also noted that kids sometimes go away during the recess period.

Space was a concern, if the Committee is interested in using a school, they will need a permit. during the week the kids use their bus pass, on weekends and holidays they cannot.

Ms. Grandison said she will inquire about the Conference room at SUNY Downstate. She also stated all information will be sent out to the parents so those participating can be prepared.

Ms. Grandison asked Mr. James Lewis to submit a plan for the scheduled Spelling Bee competition.

Cops & Kids

Ms. Patricia Reddock and Ms. Joan Bakiriddin was asked to assist with the Kids and Cop Session.

Ms. Patricia Reddock was asked to give a synopsis of the Kids and Cops event. Ms. Reddock said the event is not for little kids, the age group is 13-19. The youths are placed in groups of 10 with 2 cops per group and they are allowed to ask the Cops any questions without the parents involvement. The Cops will answer the questions.

Midway along the session a switch is made and the Cops ask the kids questions. At the end of the role play, one person from the team will share their opinion as to what they learn from the police officers. The process rotates until the end of the exercise. When the event ends, each team receives a certificate to take back to school.

There was a discussion regarding the way some police officers interact with the public especially the young people. Based on the discussion, there was a suggestion to have plain clothes officer present during the Cops and Kids session.

New Business- None

There being no further business to discuss Ms. Grandison asked for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Joan Alexander-Bakiriddin and second by person's name inaudible)