

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD # 17
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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11210**

Minutes of January 11, 2023

YOUTH/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Gail Grandison
Joan Bakiriddin
Hyacinth Charles
Rodrick F. Daley
Timothy Davis
Rose Graham
Symone Gordon
Jasmin Hoyt
Alicia Johnson
Joy Jones
Ozni Lewis
Simone McBean
Monica McKain-Brown
Muline Mickle
CK Price
Jorge Tait
Zosha-Marcelle Welch

ABSENT:

Derek M.J. Cyrus
Hilary Joseph
Alicia Knight
Lawrence Pampellone
Hercules Emile Reid

EXCUSED:

Barrington Barrett
Patricia Reddock

GUEST:

Pamela
Daniel
Asshur Cunningham
Naudia

The Youth/Education Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. virtually, via WebEx.

Notes

The meeting discussed upcoming events, challenges of resource sharing between different schools, potential partnerships for a new facility, the construction of a new community center with various resources and activities, the need for outdoor spaces, and the involvement of the Department of Design and Construction in addressing concerns.

- Gail Grandison welcomes everyone and wishes them a happy New Year.
- She discusses upcoming events, including the Spelling Bee and the Madison Boys and Girls Club event.
- James Lewis provides an update on sending invitations for a forum and coordinating with the communications team.
- The meeting discussed updates on recent events and activities, such as a holiday celebration and a toy giveaway organized by Councilwoman Lewis and Senator Parker.
- The challenges of sharing resources between a charter school and a public school in the same building were discussed, including communication and funding differences.
- The importance of building relationships and finding ways to collaborate between different entities within the community was emphasized.
- The meeting discussed various schools in the community, including James Lewis Electrical Corp., Great Oaks Elementary School, and Ebenezer Preparatory School.

- There was a discussion about the different resources and funding available to public schools versus private schools.
- Some of the schools mentioned partnerships with community organizations, while others expressed difficulties in establishing such partnerships.
- The school is looking to relocate and secure a new facility before the spring.
- They are considering partnerships with Brooklyn College and potentially Google for apprenticeship programs and career education opportunities.
- The school is aiming to be inclusive and diverse, with plans to market to other communities and potentially sponsor international students.
- Mr. Ramadan mentioned an opportunity for small businesses and community-based organizations to utilize city spaces.
- There is a new community center called the Shirley Chisholm recreation center that will be built in the community.
- The center will have various resources and activities, including a gymnasium, pools, track, fitness center, and a kitchen. Schools are encouraged to partner with the parks department to access these resources.
- The meeting discussed the lack of a tennis court in the planned facility and the need for outdoor spaces for activities like dance programs, track and field, and outdoor fitness.
- The possibility of partnering with different schools and organizations to offer after-school programs, including cooking classes, was mentioned.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of outdoor play space for nearby schools and the need to involve the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) in addressing this issue.

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Action items

- Work with the education committee, Council Member Lewis's office, parks, and developers to address concerns of the school next to the development [0:02:43](#)
- Coordinate with Ms. Ruddock to confirm the date for the Madison Boys and Girls Club event and contact NYPD for space availability [0:10:44](#)
- Sit down with Mr. Lewis to discuss the letterhead and invitation for the forum event, and coordinate with communications team for flyer design [0:13:30](#)
- Daniel CM Louis will provide more details about the Martha Martin Luther King day event in the chat. [0:15:33](#)
- Gail Grandison encourages attendees to attend the event put on by Senator Parker's office. [0:16:43](#)
- Administrators from three schools in the community are asked to share information about their schools: MS Johnson from the charter school and Lamar from another school. [0:18:42](#)
- Research opportunities for funding and scholarships for students [0:24:06](#)
- Plan an open house event on the 26th of the month [0:35:02](#)
- Reach out to Keisha from Campbell to confirm the availability of the Windrop campus for the Spelling Bee event in February [0:43:22](#)
- Consider expanding programs to include adult learning and services for English language learners [0:47:40](#)
- Explore potential partnerships with Google and IBM for apprenticeship opportunities [0:50:51](#)
- Investigate the process for partnering with Brooklyn College to offer an associate's degree program [0:52:03](#)
- Research the possibility of incorporating mechanic and electrical programs into the curriculum [0:53:52](#)
- Reach out to the Parks Department to inquire about utilizing the Shirley Chisholm facility for school activities [0:57:58](#)
- Reach out to non-city capital people at the borough president's office to see if schools qualify for utilizing city spaces for small businesses and community-based organizations [0:58:52](#)
- Leverage current experience to reach out to the parks department and explore partnership opportunities for accessing resources at the Shirley Chisholm community center [0:59:37](#)

- Stay in coordination with the council member's office to advise on programming opportunities and take advantage of the facilities at the community center [1:05:04](#)
- Reach out to DDC regarding children's play and recess time [1:15:56](#)
- Keep the superintendent and principal of 461 in the loop regarding programming and field issues [1:21:12](#)
- Send minutes to members for approval at the next meeting in February [1:22:07](#)
- Gail Grandison mentions that there is no quorum to approve the minutes from December, so it will be skipped. [1:24:45](#)
- Consider partnering with the committee for advocacy, networking, connecting to services, activities planning, and fundraising [1](#)

Ms. Gail Grandison asked for someone to make a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Rose Graham made a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Jorge Tait seconded the motion.

There being no abstentions or corrections the minutes were approved as is.

Ms. Grandison asked for someone to make a motion for adjournment.

Mrs. Joan Alexander-Bakiriddin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Timothy Davis seconded the motion.

There being no further questions or statements the meeting was adjourned.