

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD # 17**

**4112 FARRAGUT ROAD
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11210**

Minutes of November 8, 2023

YOUTH/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Gail Grandison
Hyacinth Charles
Cheryl Saunders
Pamela Simon
Ivor

ABSENT:

Natasha Duncan
Timothy Davis
Joan Bakiriddin
Kimberly Moraman
Rose Graham
Monica McKain-Brown
Muline Mickle
Rodrick Daley
Lenwood Hicks
Danna Lennon-Thomas
Ozni Lewis
Marcelle Sealy-Welch
Genevieve John
Sandra Dor-Nwaotule

EXCUSED:

Barrington Barrett
Patricia Reddock
Jorge Tait

GUEST:

Alex C.
Nicole Grant
Trevlyn McRae

The Youth/Education Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. held virtually via WebEx.

Notes

The Youth and Education Committee discussed enrollment issues in local schools, strategies to increase enrollment, funding challenges, and the need for collaboration with community organizations and elected representatives to address these concerns.

- The meeting is being held by the Youth and Education Committee, chaired by Gail Grandison.
- Introductions are made by committee members, including principals, community board members, and educators.
- The committee discusses the agenda, which includes finalizing old business and allowing members to share information about events or concerns in the community.
- The committee is emphasizing the importance of attendance for board and committee members, as it affects their ability to vote on important issues.
- The committee is discussing ways to address enrollment issues in local schools, including conducting a needs assessment and collaborating with local officials for funding and support.
- Principals are implementing strategies to increase enrollment, such as showcasing school events, organizing family activities, and partnering with community organizations.
- The school is implementing enrollment strategies such as personally reaching out to parents and partnering with local organizations to attract students.
- They are offering programs like tutoring, academic enrichment, after-school programs, and partnerships with organizations like New York Cares and Achievement Lab.

- The sustainability of these programs is a concern due to funding issues, but the school is strategizing on how to raise awareness and support for them. Collaboration with other schools is also being considered.
- The school is located near a shelter and is not receiving directed enrollment from families in the area.
- The school is implementing various strategies to increase enrollment, such as improving their website and using QR codes for information.
- Funding is a major issue for the school, impacting the ability to provide resources and programs, including devices for students.
- There is a lack of funding in New York City public schools, particularly for programs and resources beyond the academic day.
- The funding formula is based on enrollment, so when enrollment is low, funding decreases.
- The principals are seeking additional funding from various sources, including grants and partnerships with community organizations.
- The meeting discussed the lack of communication between principals and legislators regarding funding needs.
- The committee plans to reach out to elected representatives to discuss funding and take action.
- The importance of sustainability and finding additional funding sources was emphasized.
- The meeting discussed advocating for and supporting the principals and schools in the community.
- Several events were mentioned, including a fall harvest festival, a free book giveaway, and a paper shooting and E-waste recycling event.

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Action items

- Share the agenda with the committee members (Gail Grandison)[0:00:25](#)
- Explore potential grants and funding opportunities for the schools[0:04:57](#)
- Take Alex's number to discuss something with him (Hyacinth Charles)[0:05:17](#)
- Discuss fundraising opportunities and skills with Cheryl Saunders (Gail Grandison)[0:13:12](#)
- Share the strategic plan document with committee members and gather feedback[0:20:28](#)
- Implement monthly communication with principals and school administrative personnel[0:21:45](#)
- Conduct a needs assessment for understanding the needs within the schools[0:22:31](#)
- Have Councilwoman foreign Lewis and Councilwoman Rita Joseph advocate for funding and support for the schools[0:22:35](#)
- Install a digital marquee outside the building to inform the community about activities[0:25:11](#)
- Plan and organize family movie night and pajama read aloud evening events[0:26:24](#)
- Work on branding and showcasing events in the school to increase enrollment[0:26:42](#)
- Explore partnerships with different organizations in the community[0:27:04](#)
- Investigate partnerships with organizations outside of the community to provide additional programs and resources for the schools[0:29:43](#)
- Investigate how to increase awareness and access to the achievement lab program for students in temporary housing[0:34:05](#)
- Explore opportunities for collaboration between P.S.135 and 18K235 on future projects[0:38:14](#)
- Consider organizing career fairs, talent shows, and other events to engage parents and students in the community[0:38:29](#)
- Look into the possibility of implementing a program for migrant families with young children in schools[0:39:47](#)
- Open up the floor for members to share information about events or concerns in the community (Gail Grandison)[0:40:34](#)
- Explore options for funding to provide a robust after-school program[0:50:44](#)
- Assess the need for new devices for students and explore funding options[0:55:35](#)
- Investigate the enrollment process and rationale behind student placement in schools[0:58:52](#)
- Have a conversation with council members to discuss ways to increase funding and support for the schools[1:09:50](#)
- Reach out to elected representatives to schedule a meeting about funding[1:14:23](#)

- Attend the small business event on November 18th to support local businesses [1:24:19](#)
- Mr. Lewis will serve as the alternate chair for Title 1 for school 25 and advocate for funding and resources [1:25:11](#)
- Principal Grant to share information about the fall harvest festival with Gail Grandison via email for website and community distribution. [1:29:36](#)
- Senator Persaud to email Gail Grandison the details of the paper shooting and E-waste recycling event. [1:30:46](#)
- Gail Grandison to provide her contact number in the chat for MS Brandon soon to reach out regarding outside funding opportunities. [1:32:43](#)
- Gail Grandison to adjourn the meeting. [1:33:58](#)