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**Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Michael Caraballo, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson

The Youth and Education Committee met on November 14, 2023 at the district office and via Zoom Audio and Video Conference and in-person at the district office. The following board members were present: Cornell Brown, Michael Caraballo, Maria Garcia, Gail Irby, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Carol Robinson, Gladys Sotomayor, and Monique Williams.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational presentation from the WomanHOOD Project**

The Youth and Education Committee was informed that the WomanHOOD Project is a Bronx-based non-profit organization with a mission to interrupt harmful portrayals and stereotypes of racialized female, trans and gender non-conforming (TGNC) youth in order to promote leadership, well-being, positive identity development and systemic change. Executive Director Dr. Sonia James-Wilson is requesting financial support from the Community Board to increase their general operating funds. The Youth and Education Committee expressed support for the much needed programming and mentorship for female youth that is offered by WomanHOOD. To help facilitate fundraising efforts, the Youth and Education Committee asked District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett to write a letter introducing the nonprofit to our local elected officials. Dr. James-Wilson will share informational materials with District Manager Moure-Punnett to reference in the letter. The Youth and Education Committee invited Dr. James-Wilson, as well as program participants, to present at the Community Board Meeting on January 10, 2024. A motion to issue a letter of support and introduction was made by Mr. Michael Caraballo, seconded by Reggie Powell, and adopted unanimously by the Youth and Education Committee. The letter will be presented to the Community Board at the next Community Board Meeting.

- **Review of the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development List of Funded Programs**

The Youth and Education Committee discussed their interest in inviting youth services providers to the present at their monthly committee meetings.

- **Update regarding the letter sent to the School Construction Authority**

The Youth and Education Committee was informed that the School Construction Authority has not replied to the letter sent regarding the promised school that was supposed to be built at Lambert Houses. District Manager Moure-Punnett also informed the Youth and Education Committee that the School Construction Authority released their yearly plan and 500 additional seats will be available at P.S. 196, located in School District 12. The additional seats are not sufficient to address the over enrollment, which the new school at Lambert Houses would have solved.