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Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Michael Caraballo, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson

The Youth and Education Committee met on December 19, 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, Frank Franz, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Carol Robinson, and Annette Wright.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational presentation from Fordham University on their Community ESL Program**

The Youth and Education Committee was informed that Fordham University's Community ESL Program started in Fiscal Year 2018 with discretionary funding from the New York City Council and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development to provide free adult ESL instruction. Their program offers semester length ESL classes from beginner to advanced levels and digital literacy classes for individuals over the age of 16. They have had more than 750 learners since 2018 and have received "Far Above Standard" program evaluations. They also offer informational sessions on mental health, know your rights, health literacy and citizenship. Fordham University requested a letter of support from the Youth and Education Committee for their renewal application for the CESL program. As a result of the request, the Youth and Education Committee requested the slide deck that was presented with statistics about the program and the students they serve; and their Summary Report for Fiscal Year 2023 from New York City Department of Youth and Community Development which to determine whether the committee will issue a letter of support.