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Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Laura James, Committee Chairperson

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Youth and Education Committee Meeting: Nicole Carter (Virtual), Frank Franz, Gail Irby, Laura James, Magdamary Marcano, Nicole N'diaye (Virtual), Carol Robinson, Gladys Sotomayor (Virtual), Porscha Wilson, and Annette Wright.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation from StreetLab on continued work with PS32 and PS59**

Representatives from StreetLab, PS32, and PS59 presented an update on their partnerships and results of their programming. They have implemented proposals and recommended ideas by students, increasing physical activity and transforming open streets into a community fitness hub. StreetLab has helped build the capacity of staff at PS32 and PS59 to lead the programming at their schools in the future. These schools have become equipped to host outdoor classes, apply for street closures for open streets events, and has been successful in engaging students, teachers, and the wider community. PS 32, in its third year of the open street initiative, has seen a significant positive impact, including increased joy and community engagement. The program, which started with a focus on play and physical activity, has evolved into a platform for reimagining community spaces and fostering partnerships with various organizations. The initiative aims to expand to other schools. Streetlab has helped connect PS32 and PS59 by helping establish a walking route. In the future, the schools will try to connect its students through flag football for girls and boys.

- **Review of DYCD data on youth programs in CB6**

The committee reviewed data from a 2022 DYCD community survey for district, highlighting concerns about its accuracy and usefulness. The data is collected triennially, however, the results lacked specific details about race, ethnicity, and household size. The committee discussed the lack of information about program evaluation and overall budgets.

- **Discussion on mission statement for committee**

Dr. Sonia James facilitated the discussion around the committee's mission statement. Dr. James summarized the committee's mandate, which is to provide insight, support, information, direction, and expertise. This may include encouraging effective data collection and analysis, evaluating service quality and quantity, and conducting public outreach. Dr. James outlined four areas of focus for a community board: collaborating with high-performing centers, consulting with community-disconnected organizations, disseminating information, and developing a comprehensive plan for the committee's

growth. The committee discussed the need for more time and resources to accomplish their goals, and the potential benefits of conducting a survey to gather better information about community needs. The committee discussed the idea of conducting a survey to solicit information directly from the DYCD-funded service providers in the district.

- **Review of CB6 Letter of Comment**

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett informed the committee that the New York City Charter requires the Board to submit a Letter of Comment, addressing the responses from agencies to the District Needs Statement. The District Manager will draft the letter for the Board's review and approval.

- **Other business (if any)**
 - **DYCD Data**

The District Manager requested data on program performance for youth programs operating in the district and did not receive a response. He informed the committee that a FOIL request was submitted, which should be ready within 90 days.

- **Yankee Scholarship Applications**

The District Manager informed the committee that the Yankee Applications are now available and must be submitted to the Yankees on April 1st. The committee expressed support for translating the application and accepting submissions in Spanish.