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Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Laura James, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 both in-person at the district office and via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Youth and Education Committee meeting: Cornell Brown, Frank Franz, Fousani Hamidou, Gail Irby, Laura James, Nicole N'diaye (virtual), Carol Robinson, Gladys Sotomayor, Porscha Wilson, and Annette Wright.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Presentation by Grand Street Settlement on Early Head Start and Head Start Programs**

Grand Street Settlement informed the Youth and Education Committee that they are an organization that aims to expand opportunities for families and individuals through culturally relevant services that support community building, advocacy, self-determination, and an enriched quality of life. Founded in 1916 in the Lower East Side, Grand Street Settlement currently operates programs across Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. Grand Street Settlement is expanding its programming to the Bronx, opening five new sites. Two of these, the West Farms Child and Family Center (899 East 180th Street) and the Crotona Park Child and Family Center (1811 Crotona Avenue), are located within Bronx Community Board 6's district. The West Farms Child and Family Center is expected to enroll 61 children. The development of these sites will create local employment opportunities, as Grand Street Settlement intends to hire from the community of Bronx Community Board 6. A job fair for various positions will be held on September 18, 2025. In addition, these sites will offer referral opportunities for families. Grand Street Settlement is interested in developing a partnership with Bronx Community Board 6 and its Youth and Education Committee. The Youth and Education Committee also provided feedback to Grand Street Settlement regarding the mural at the West Farms Child and Family Center.

- **Discussion on the FOIL request to the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development**

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett provided an update regarding the FOIL request submitted to the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development concerning the performance of youth programs in our district. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett has received a response to the request. He is currently working on summarizing the document, as it is quite lengthy and complex. He will share the summary once it is complete.

- **Other Business**

- **Discussion on the Youth Talent Show**

Committee Chairperson Laura James announced that the Youth Talent Show has been postponed to Spring 2026. This decision was made because the committee has not yet secured the targeted \$10,000 in sponsorships.



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