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**Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM**  
**Laura James, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson**

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Youth and Education Committee meeting: Brigitte Brantley, Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Gail Irby, Laura James, Reggie Powell, Carol Robinson, Annette Wright and Gladys Sotomayor.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Presentation on Open Streets Application for PS 59**

Representatives from Street Lab, in partnership with Bronx Health REACH and Equity Design, presented their collaborative efforts to expand wellness programs and public space access for Bronx youth. Bronx Health REACH, part of the Institute for Family Health, leads the CHIS program to strengthen school physical education and improve access to nutritious food. Equity Design supports these efforts through data-driven community assessments, while Street Lab partners with schools and community groups to plan and sustain Open Streets programs, offering pilots, internships, and K-12 workshops that engage students in designing safe, active streets. These initiatives aim to increase physical activity, strengthen school-community connections, and promote youth leadership. Their program highlights include reaching 43 Bronx schools, with 13 receiving ongoing support, and Bronx Community Board 6 schools logging over 26 million collective steps. In 2025, PS 32 and PS 59 hosted 26 Open Streets days, engaging more than 4,000 participants. PS 32 continues weekly programming and community events, while PS 59 launched Open Streets on Bathgate Avenue, focusing on wellness and rebuilding family trust. PS 59 plans a spring pilot program with Board support. The Youth and Education Committee voted to recommend that the full Board issue the letter of support.

They are also planning a Bridging the Gap initiative for the fall, envisioning a community health fair and walking program that would connect PS 59 and PS 32 with a nearby hospital to provide meaningful health and wellness resources in response to identified community needs.

- **Discussion on the Committee Vice Chairperson Role**

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the need to appoint a Vice Chairperson in light of a potential bylaw amendment that would require committee chairs to attend in person when meetings are held in person. In that context, members suggested that each committee elect a Vice Chairperson to serve in the Chairperson's absence when necessary. Members emphasized the importance of having a designated Vice Chair to assist with meeting facilitation, coordination of agenda items, and ensuring continuity of leadership. The Chair requested volunteers to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Youth and Education Committee. Further discussion regarding nominations and the selection process will take place at an upcoming meeting.