



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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**Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 19, 2018
Lanell Gardenhire and Audrey Harden, Committee Chairpersons**

The Youth and Education Committee met on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, New York 10457. The following members were present: Claudette Coles and Gil Simmons.

Lariely Sanchez of KIPP Freedom Middle School at 1825 Prospect Avenue gave the committee an update on their year so far. They have 94 5th graders. Their founding class of 94 included 14 students that passed the state reading exam and 16 that passed the math exam which is 15% and 17% respectively. The school's goal is to increase this passage rate to 40% this year and eventually 85% by the time the students finish 8th grade. Of their 94 5th graders, 35 entered the school reading at a 2nd grade level. As a result, the school provided additional reading instruction for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the students. The school has received good reviews from parents and hopes to have a successful school year. They also plan to collaborate with Bronx Community Board 6 regarding giving civics trainings to their parents.

Emily Kim the founder and CEO of Zeta Charter School, presented to the committee about opening two additional K-5 schools in Community School District 9 and 12. Zeta currently operates two high performing charter schools, one at 222 Alexander Ave in The Bronx, and another in Inwood at 652 West 187th Street. Some features of Zeta include an innovation space for students to be creative, martial arts as an activity, an emphasis on wellness, and healthy foods from Revolution Foods. The school also has music, art, chess, sports, and science. They are planning to build their own school space, but are required to apply for co-location in year 1. The committee was supportive of the school's application and recommended it for approval by the full board.

The committee also discussed the pending charter school cap that is facing the state legislature. There are currently only 7 charters available in NYC unless the legislature lifts the cap. The committee expressed support for the board to petition our elected officials to lift this cap.

The next Youth and Education Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:30PM at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A.

Honorable Ritchie Torres,
City Council Member, 15th Council District

Honorable Rafael Salamanca Jr.,
City Council Member, 17th Council District