

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2013 AT
COMMUNITY BOARD 8
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Attendees

Lamont Parker
Alina Williams
Juan Carlos Soto
Kathy Gibson
Anthony Fella
Rita Pochter Lowe
Gabriel Palma

Affiliation

Youth Chair
Fort Independence Community Center
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Riverdale Community Center
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The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm.

The minutes of October 23, 2013 was unanimously approved

Chair Lamont Parker reported that Eric Maldonado received an email from the Weather Channel who reached out with an interest in having 3 of our students from the Bronx youth poetry slam, to perform poems about the weather on Al Broker's morning show and be interviewed as well!

Chair Lamont Parker announced that applications for the Yankee awards have been reviewed and the winners will be announced at the January 22 meeting! It's estimated that \$750 will be awarded to 5 kids from the local communities. Applications/Guidelines for the Comeback kid award will be given to the centers once approved by the Community.

Each Community Center in attendance gave a brief overview on how their centers are doing:

Fort Independence CC- Alina Williams - Currently the population at this center needs to increase to include more female participants. Only the boys are attending the programs that are currently being provided. The center is planning on maybe having Hip Hop Dance Group!

Kingsbridge Heights CC – Juan Carlos Soto - Haunted House was a great turnout and everyone had a great time! The College Fair was a good one. There were 23 schools represented and a total of 75 students/parents attending the fair. On November 22, 2013 there will be a Community Give Back to support and give the community thanks for supporting KHCC. The KHCC is also planning on having a Holiday Festival on December 17, 2013. The center would like to have their own Poetry Slam event in May.

Riverdale Community Center- Kathy Gibson-The center is glad to have obtained a 21st Century Grant by the State Department of Education that will give them \$260,000 a year for 3 years. This will allow programs to be added back into the center. There is Saturday Academy which is designed for students that have failed a class. The center also has programs for parents of students in the program like ESL and/or Workshops.

The Math Olympics is still in discussion and projected to occur sometime in 2014.

The Community Board is still working on the best way to proceed with the Job Fair scheduled for some time in 2014. The Community Board will work with the schools to make sure that the students that are interested prepare for the job fair by either obtaining their working papers and if they have resume available, they can be sent to the attention of the Youth Chair Lamont Parker at the Community Board 8 office!

Skating Day at the Van Cortlandt Ice Rink is still being worked on. Dates are still undecided but possible month will be January or February 2014. The time frame will be 4pm to 6pm and the day of the week is either going to be a Tuesday or Wednesday! The Youth Chair will be shooting for an attendance of 200 kids.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm. Next Youth committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2014 at the Riverdale Neighborhood House at 1pm.

Submitted by,

Lamont Parker, Chair
Youth Committee