

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2005 AT BOARD OFFICE**

Present: Arthur Meltser - Youth Chair CB#8
Anne Gray - Riverdale Community Center
Jay Horowitz - CB #8
Deanna Collins - Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Sheryl G. Benjamin - Riverdale YM-YWHA
Rob Brewster - Riverdale Mental Health

1. Out of School Time (OST) – Youth took a preliminary look at the new RFP for OST, which brings several concerns. The new RFP came out December 2004 and is due back mid February 2005. Maximum funding per provider appears to be 64K annually with a 3 year contract. The new RFP goes into effect in September and not in July as customary. There appears to be no room for community input. School regions and not community boards break out the funding (i.e. CB-3 to CB-8 all fall into region one). It also appears that if the provider does not have the right zip code, then the provider is not on a priority list for funding with DYCD. For example, Riverdale Neighborhood House, Riverdale Y and Riverdale Mental Health are all in 10471, which is not on the list. After further review, DYCD is expecting more services from the providers for less money than previous years (i.e. 5 days per week programs that include major holidays).
2. New Grant and Award opportunities – all local youth agencies were provided with info on other available grants and awards.
3. NY Yankee Leadership Award – Awards took place at the last full board meeting and youth agencies were advised of other funding opportunities through NY Yankees.
4. Outing – attempt to schedule the 3rd annual Collaborated Youth Committee trip to Chelsea Piers on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. The committee chair is working on the sponsorship of the event.
5. Bronx Neighborhood Advisory Board – Committee Chair called DYCD to enquire about qualifications, restrictions, and responsibilities of serving on the board.

Submitted by,

Arthur Meltser
Chairman
Youth Committee

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