

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Minutes of the
Joint Education & Youth Committee Meeting
December 8, 2015

Attendance:

Education

Dr. Zorina Frederick— Education Chairperson
Ms. Denise Mann - CB9 2nd Vice Chair
Mattijs Limberger – CB9
Sherrill-Ann Mason – Community Member

Youth

Ms. Ada Terry – Youth Chairperson
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman – CB9
Kyra-Lee Harry – CB9
Riel Peerbooms – CB9

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm

Attendance/Welcome

Dr. Frederick introduced Sherrill-Ann Mason as a new Education Committee member. Ms. Mason has worked in the education field for many years and is a welcome addition.

Reports from Committee Members

On November 16, 2015, Rabbi Behrman attended summit on K2, a synthetic drug, at Brooklyn Law School. Since, 2015 there have been more than 6,000 synthetic cannabinoid-related emergency department visits in New York City. Although sometimes referred to as synthetic marijuana, K-2 is 0% marijuana. Chemicals found in K-2 vary from packet to packet making the effects unpredictable and very dangerous. New York City is taking the lead in addressing this issue through an education campaign being rolled out first to the hardest hit neighborhoods.

Ms. Lee-Harry made the committee aware of the possible merger or co-location of Medgar Evers High School with Boys and Girls High. Since Boys and Girls is underutilized and Medgar Evers needs additional space, their shared principal has taken this proposal to the New York City Department of Education. If implemented it would start in September 2016 with the current Medgar Evers High School building to be taken over by Medgar Evers College. Discussions are still ongoing.

Mr. Peerbooms advised the committee that the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development released the Compass Explore RFP for non-profits. He is researching the potential for some of our local schools.

Chairperson's Reports

Dr. Frederick and Ms. Terry attended the Lefferts Garden Charter School charter renewal hearing on December 1, 2015. LGCS co-locates with PS 92. (Refer to our October committee minutes for details). Both schools had representatives at the hearing. Comments and discussions were very heated at times. The final decision will be rendered in February or March 2016.

Planning for 2016

Dr. Frederick briefly discussed a new initiative we will be working on called Head Up America. More details will follow as the committee works on the project.

A second 2016 goal is to increase our community committee members.

Last, we discussed the merger of the Education and Youth Committees. Due to low attendance, all of our committee meetings have been joint since September. Everyone agreed this was a good idea also in light of our joint initiatives. We will discuss with Chairman Lawrence for approval with Ms. Frederick & Ms Terry as Co-chairs.

All Other Business

We will be changing our committee meeting time. Currently we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Four of our members are on the ULURP committee which meets at the same day and time. Once we are all in agreement of the new time, we will advise.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next joint Education/Youth Committee meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Ada T. Terry – Youth Committee Chair

Dr. Zorina Frederick – Education Committee Chair

December 21, 2015