

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Minutes of the
Joint Education & Youth Services
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Attendance:

Education Committee

Sheila Foster-Golding – CB9
Mattijs Limberger – CB9
Sherrill-Ann Mason – CB9 resident member

Youth Committee

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

Community Residents

El Sun Allah – Seniors and Students Against Violence Everywhere (SSAVE)
Robert Johnson - SSAVE

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

Reports from Committee Members

Rabbi Behrman learned of an organization that educates parents on the proper installation of car seats. He will invite Channah Lightston to speak at our next meeting to talk about the organization.

Mattijs Limberger discussed Transfer Schools, which are small full-time high schools designed for youths 15-21 who have dropped out or fallen behind in credits. Mr. Limberger feels that more at-risk youths would take advantage of these alternative high school programs if they were aware of their existence. Mr. Limberger will bring more information including locations of the schools to our next meeting for further discussion.

Sherrill-Ann Mason discussed several programs Medgar Evers College has in place to assist students in obtaining their degree:

- **CUNY Start** – nearly 80% of CUNY Community College students require some form of remediation for English or Math. CUNY Start provides intensive preparation in academic reading/writing, and math. The program enrolls prospective CUNY students who have been accepted to college but are not ready for college-level work based on their scores on the CUNY Assessment Tests.
- **CUNY ASAP-** Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) assists students in earning associate degrees within three years by providing a range of financial, academic, and personal supports.
- **Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK).** This program enrolls students who receive financial, academic and counseling support through a structured program that links student support services and academic programming.

Ms. Mason went on to say that many programs now or in the future will include a community service requirement for graduation. Ms. Kyra-Lee Harry stated that many of her peers at Medgar Evers High School

are searching for organizations that have paid or unpaid community service opportunities as well. During our next meeting, we will begin identifying organizations that can help fulfill student community service requirements.

We agreed that we need to find a way to communicate to the youth at-large the programs and opportunity discussed as well as community service organizations. One idea was an education/youth fair. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

El-Sun Allah and Robert Johnson from a new community organization called SSAVE (Seniors and Students Against Violence Everywhere) introduced themselves. They will continue attending our meetings and update us on their initiatives.

All Other Business

We changed our committee meeting date to the first Tuesday of every month starting in February.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. The next Joint Education and Youth Services Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ada T. Terry
Youth Services
Committee Chairperson**

**Dr. Zorina Frederick
Education
Committee Chairperson
January 21, 2016**