

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

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

Attendance:

Pearl R. Miles – District Manager

Education

Dr. Zorina J. Frederick – Education Chairperson

Ms. Denise Mann – 2nd Vice Chair – CB9

Mr. Mattijs Limberger – CB9

Youth

Ms. Ada Terry – Youth Chairperson

Rabbi Yaacov Berhman –CB9

Mr. Riel Peerbooms –CB9

Ms. Kyra-Lee Harry - CB9

Guest

Ms. Sharon Wedderburn – CB8 Education and Youth Chairperson

Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm

Committee Members were informed that the Education and Youth committee meeting would be joint due to low attendance for both committees.

Welcome

The group was officially welcomed by Dr. Frederick and Ms. Terry to the first meeting for both committees.

Introduction of members of each committee

New members introduced themselves, and returning members gave a brief synopsis of their work on their previous committees.

Review of previous work done by both committees

Education

- Ms. Terry gave an update on the calendar she worked on last year, as a member of the Education Committee – do we want to complete and implement this year?
- Principals Forum – CEC17 also has a Principals Forum, would ours be redundant?

Youth

- Youth Directory – what is the status and current version?
- Homeless Youth Forum – what are the next steps?
- After-school Programs – OST (Out of School Time) status of these programs in CB 9?

Any other Business

Ms. Wedderburn enlightened us on the Community Renewal Schools Program. CB9's Ebbets Field Middle School is part of this program with services provided by "The Door". She also spoke on topics such as homelessness among the youths; after school programs, NY Sonic, and the "Close to Home" program, that allows youthful offenders to serve their time close to their homes.

Education Chair Dr. Frederick opened the floor for suggestions on projects we can look at this year. Some issues was raised including, over-crowding in our schools, the quality of after school programs available to students, the need for computers in our schools, the need for gymnasiums, and auditoriums.

Finding and potentially implementing a way to address the language problem in our schools; and addressing the state of our schools infrastructure.

Members present were given copies of flyers of New York City School Calendar for 2015, the "Begin Again" project sponsored by Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, and the Participatory Budget meetings by Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo. The dates for Council Member Mathieu Eugene's Participatory Budget meetings, were also distributed.

Legislative Breakfast

Chairs will attend the CEC17 legislative breakfast in October 2015 (date to be determined)

Things to accomplish for next meeting

- *Mr. Riel Peerbooms volunteered to contact CEC17 for the details of their Principals Forum.
- *Rabbi Yaacov Berhman volunteered to discuss the "Begin Again" program with the Hassidic Community.
- *Chair Ada Terry will contact District Manager Pearl Miles for an electronic copy of the most current version of the Youth Directory.
- *Mr. Mattijs Limberger volunteered to obtain information on the "Close to Home" program.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Ada Terry at 8:47pm.

Next Education Committee meeting will be October 13th, 2015 at 7pm.

Next Youth Committee meeting will be October 13th, 2015 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Zorina Frederick and Ada T. Terry
September 21, 2015