



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 22nd, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm – Attendance sheet on file – Quorum established
- II. Race to the Top
 - A. The following topics were discussed:
 - B. Will the Race to the Top award of \$250 -300 million dollars to New York State will really improve our children's education?
 - C. Raised cap on charter schools from 200 to 300 required by the state legislator
 - D. The lack of Charter schools maintenance of progress records or statistics
 - E. Questions were raised regarding standard curriculum for NYC schools.
 - F. Action
 1. Board member Lisa Sills-Short will investigate comparisons in curriculum between districts 2&3 (reportedly better performers) with our district
 2. The Education committee will extend an invitation to Jessie Mojica of the Borough President's office to come and speak on the education curriculum for NYS and what, if any, differences there may be district by district.
- III. Civic Engagement Training Program (CEP)
 - A. The Committee proposes to present CEP program to the Executive Committee followed by submission to Committee Chairs to ascertain interest and willingness to commit to mentoring program participants
 - B. Discussion of program projects: neighborhood tour; sit in General Board meetings; City Council meetings; assign community projects
- IV. Parent Teacher Coordinators:
 - A. Establish relationship with Parent Teacher Associations may be more feasible.
 - B. Discussed was the crucial roll parent involvement plays in the success in students education. The obstacles many parents face were discussed.
 - C. Action: Education Committee proposes to sponsor open informational forums with invited speakers to address issues such language barriers; economics, and lack of or misinformation
- V. Open items:
 - A. There was a discussion regarding the lack of cultural institutions or forums in the community.
 - B. Action: Board member Ezequiel Jimenez will do research for possible venues and programs. i.e. DOE, Bainbridge library, etc.
- VI. Music recorders
 - A. CB 7 has 2400 recorders and there are 13 schools targeted for distribution. A discussion began (and will continue) on ways to encourage and increase music programs in schools.
- VII. Adjourned 8:20 PM