

Bronx Community Board #2

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Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
6PM-7:30
Cedric McClester, Chairperson

Silvia Aleny re-introduced herself and her program. She is the South Bronx manager of Literacy Inc.. Silvia had presented to the committee at the June 2017 meeting. The organization works with children in the early childhood grades doing Read Alouds in schools, community centers, and libraries. LINCK works closely with parents, training them to Read Aloud.

Jill Roache spoke to the Committee about the work of her organization, The Hunts Point Alliance for Children. The organization, which is located at 1231 Lafayette Avenue, 4th floor, in the 10474 zip code of the Bronx supports traditional public, public charter, and independent schools in the Hunts Point Peninsula area by creating programmed links among existing services, schools, and families in the neighborhood. Jill spoke about a recent performance of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet put on by 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students from five neighborhood schools- PS 48, Bronx Charter School for the Arts, MS 424, St. Ignatius School, and Hyde Leadership Charter School. This was a collaboration between HPAC and the Shakespeare Society.

David Vazquez, the Ambassador Principal from the Bronx Academy for Multimedia (BAMM) was scheduled to speak to the committee. However, he had to cancel because of school matters. BAMM is located at 730 Bryant Avenue- the name change replaces "The Hunts Point School- MS 424.

Mr. Vazquez was formerly the principal at "The Bronx Studio School for Writers and Arts located at the Casita Maria building on Simpson Street. He has the option to return to that site in a year or stay at the assigned school to further its advancement.

Education Committee member Jesse Harris spoke about his desire as a committee member to work towards helping to further the ambitions and educational standards of youth within the confines of CB-2. One of the things he is seeking to do is to bring Parent/Teacher Coordinators under the auspices of the Public Advocate. Towards that end, he has already had a conversation with Tish James.

Education Committee member Yvonne Guillen said she volunteered for the Education Committee because of her interest in helping to raise the educational standards of youth in the Longwood/Hunts Point communities.

Shaquan Huntt said his interest in the committee was born out of his desire to give something back to the community from which he hails.

Chairperson McClester offered his understanding of the mission of the Education Committee is to work in a collaboratively with the Board of Education and the district schools to help further the aspirations and educational standards of youth in our community. Presently, the standards appear to be low.

Respectfully submitted by;

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Recording Secretary, Education Committee