

General Board Meeting
Thursday, December 21, 2017

Presentation

Nancy Streim, Teachers College, on TCCS

Update shows how far we've come in 10 years of conversations. Acknowledge Deirdre McIntosh-Brown, co-chair of YEL and member of TCCS SLT helps collaborate and keep in touch.

School opened in 2011 adding a grade a year, 286 students in K-6. School is diverse: 40% Hispanic, 36% Af-Am, 15% Caucasian, 14% special education, 43% from CB9.

Curriculum is developing STEAM focus: science lab, robotics, coding, digital literacy. Two afterschool programs: fee-based Roads to Success, no-cost TC clubs. 62% of students enrolled in TC clubs.

From the time it opened, building that housed TCCS was not going to be big enough to house school, but it was the only building available to school.

After 3-4 failed attempts, SCA signed a lease for St. Aloysius on 132nd to serve as lower school; upper grades will remain in current facility, which will expand up to grade 8. Would have preferred one building, impossible to find one building for 500-600 children.

New building 20,000 sq. ft., built in 1940, handicapped accessible, outdoor space. Will undergo 2 year renovation. Nothing about programming will change: same offerings, after school programs, admissions procedures, etc. Building is outside geographic boundaries of CB9, but families it serves will not change.

Q: DOE will not transport students across districts. How can D6 parents access school?

A: This has always been policy. Students who live .5+ miles will have access to busing.

Q: is there available space in recently announced closing schools?

A: spaces are not adequate (needed ~20K sq. ft.), and TCCS will not share.

Q: Where do the 57% not from CB9 come from?

A: 90+% live in Districts 5 and 6. When school was set up, by law lines have to be drawn according to CSD, not CD. No mechanism to prioritize CD9.

7:03pm meeting called to order.

Reports

Treasurer: AF

The only addition to the balance sheet in the packet is that committees should submit grants. Nothing has been removed from the budget, the aggregate balance we started with in FY2018 is available.

District Manager: EP

Department of Health was able to secure steel litter baskets on Broadway 143rd to 163rd (CB9, CB12). In contact with Broadway Malls, DOH, DOT. Contact district manager with requests for locations. Need to be deployed by next week.

MBPO: Diana Howard

Applications are open, members whose terms are up and need to reapply have gotten emails. Teenagers are eligible to be on community board: Jan 19 and Jan 26 information sessions. Office helping with temporary housing for displaced from fire at 565 W 144th. Office has capital funding available as of December.

Public Advocate: Jennifer Greer

Replacing Ed Sullivan as CB9 liaison. Contact her with issues or to invite Ms. James to events.

CM Levine: Keisha Smith

WHDC has set up a fund for 565 W 144th fire victims. Office is partnering with West Side Campaign Against Hunger to set up food pantries on monthly basis. Come to office and register to have access to fresh produce: next opportunity Jan 23. Physical office closed until Jan 2.

Mariella from AM Al Taylor's office

AM Taylor should be here, he's currently at community council.

Sen Alcantara: Jane Arendal Johnson

Providing a booklet of programs Sen Alcantara has funded. Yesterday was launch of Community Schools at PS 192, providing assistance to children in need and families: tutoring, mental health.

Public Session

Walter South, in his own capacity

Second Thursday of the month, 6:30pm to 8:30pm: teaching a course on public housing, free in-person on 106th street; paid video option, broadcast from Dublin.

Irwing Forbes, Department of Education

Initiative to get more diversity in specialized high schools: more Black and Latino students in particular. Specialized HS are elite public high schools, require test (SHSAT, like SAT) or audition. In CB9, HS of Math Engineering and Science at City College. Many students and parents don't know about this option or show up unprepared to take test. NYC resident 8th grader and first time 9th graders are eligible to take test no matter where they're currently in school. Educate students about importance of preparing and ways to prepare. Dream Program invites students to apply who did well on 5th grade exams.

Matthew Swinson, Nationwide Insurance

Risk manager with Nationwide Insurance bringing information about Protection Coverage. Among 15 local buildings, only 3 request tenant insurance from renters. In 565 W 144th, 3 units of 56 had insurance. Insurance is \$15-20/month.

Victoria Mason-Ailey, Government & Community Affairs, Columbia

New project coordinator: Phoebe Arnold. Wellness Center will open; two physicians, one mental health, one stroke prevention expert, who will oversee programs there will come to CB9 to present in January. Harlem Columbia Small Business Development Center is seeking applicants for Harlem Local Vendor Program, due Jan 5: opportunity to exhibit products in front of large retail, look at Harlem Park To Park website. Wallach Gallery will open an exhibit around Arthur Mitchell in January. Thanks to those who attended President's Friends & Neighbors Breakfast; CB9 members invited every year.

A Rocker: Did not submit completed form

Sewage plant doing work to improve and move forward.
Raised the question of the naming of the park
Brought up the prob of the dog run; it should be on the lower level.

T Harrell: Civilian Complaint Review Board

Announced that it will meet in Harlem in March. Town Hall format, giving the group the chance to meet the community
It investigates alleged police misconduct and has 5 members appointed by the Mayor, 3 by the Council, and 3 by the Police Commissioner.
For more info go to www.nyc.gov/ccrb

A Carrion: Community Envisioning workshop on 1/20

Organized by the Landmarks and Housing Committees; it will deal with a request for the creation of a community arts center in Hamilton Theatre. Tentative site: Boys and Girls Club at the PS 186 building.

Assemblymember Al Taylor: Replacement for the retired Denny Farrell

Will be doing a walking/talking tour of the District in January.

Resolutions

Note that the pink sheets have the exact wording of the resos and are part of the meeting record

Reso 1: 1619 Amsterdam Av – 29-0- 0

Reso 2: Support for the Neighborhood Integrity Act—28-1- 0

Reso 3: Held over

Reso 4: Approval of Liquor lic for Funburger dba Curry-Ya – 25-0- 3

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,

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