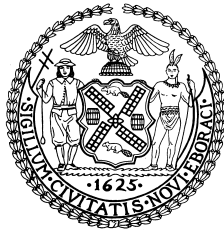


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**The City of New York  
Manhattan Community Board 8  
Youth & Education Committee**

**Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 PM**

**Community Board Members (Present):** Debbie Teitelbaum, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, Ed Hartzog, David Menegon, Sophia James, Sara Soloman, Michael Hoffman (Public Member)

**Community Board Members (Excused):** Lori Bores, Lorraine Johnson, Glen Pandolfini, Betsy Tiffany (Public Member)

**A.** Presentation by School Engagement with Parents and Families by Ms. Yolanda Torres, Executive Superintendent and Mr. Jesse Mojica, Executive Director, Parent Leadership, NYC Department of Education

- Discussed the Family Community Engagement (FACE) unit whose mission is to foster student achievement by strengthening partnerships between families and educators. Through leadership opportunities, training, and resources, they aim for every parent to build their voice as they support and advocate for the education success of all children.
- Their aim is to engage families and to create a framework for great schools. They believe the way to do that is with trust from parents and for parents to feel like their voices are heard. Additionally, they want to ensure that school environments are safe and supportive and that families feel welcome.
- FACE has four work streams – parent leadership, training and professional development, outreach and engagement, and family and community outreach (Community schools). Each team has a director which oversees the teams.
- They provide professional development to parent coordinators at schools and train parent coordinators on how to work with parents.
- The Outreach and Engagement team has launched a number of initiatives to provide support based on community feedback (for example a grandparents advisory board). On 10/14/16 they will be hosting a college access kickoff for middle school with a focus on ELL (English language learner) students.
- FACE also provides support to 36 community education councils (32 district based and 4 with a specific citywide focus). They work with councils to establish a consortium in which a collection of presidents from each council will come before the Chancellor to talk about policies/issues/ and concerns. The FACE team also has liaisons to each groupings of councils.
- FACE runs a parent council leadership institute. They assist with how to function as a leader and the president of the CEC as well as President of the district council attend.
- The next goal of FACE is to reach out to each Community Board to work together. They will be hosting regularly scheduled meetings at Tweed.

**B.** Announcement that the deadline for the YouthAction Community Leadership Course on 10/17.

- See attached flyer and handout

**C.** Old/New Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa and Debbie Teitelbaum, Co-Chairs, Youth and Education Committee