

RAB Meeting
March 12, 2019
12.00pm – 1.00pm
NHA Central Office

Meeting Notes

Participants

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Adam Bovilsky
Wendy Gerbier
Kara Capone
Alison Mukhtar

RAB

Migdalia Rivas
Jessica Joseph
Vivian Rice
Rich Glica

Overview

After introductions by Adam Bovilsky, Wendy Gerbier presented a power point on the programming of the Learning Centers. She discussed operational aspects of the centers, the structure of the program and the different types of activities offered to support their enrichment programs, academic support and social/emotional learning focuses. From the elementary school to high school level, she highlighted various programs and activities Learning Center students participate in including Spelling Bee, Teen Chef and Bridge to College and Career as well as activities with Learning Center community partners such as the Silvermine Arts Center, the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra and others. She concluded with a short video showing the students actively engaged in various activities throughout the year.

RAB Questions/Comments

- RAB members complimented the presentation and the work of the Learning Centers.
- Ms. Rivas asked if all children in housing have access to the Learning Centers and whether there is a waiting list. Ms. Gerbier explained that there are occasionally capacity issues at the learning centers, but that kids rarely have to wait on the waitlists long and almost never more than a year.
- Ms. Rivas commented that there may be funding available from corporations such as Bustello and Goya for Learning Center programming.

Round Table Discussion

- Mrs. Rice inquired about the carpets on floors 1-3 of Leroy Downs- could they be changed entirely or thoroughly cleaned.
- Mrs. Rice also inquired if the trees designed to hide the garbage bins at Leroy Downs can be removed as she believes they create a safety hazard at night.
- Ms. Rivas commented that there was not enough visitor parking at Roodner Court and asked if more spaces could be created or if the towing company could change the hours they monitor the parking lots and come after 4pm.

Follow up

- Inquire with maintenance/modernization about the carpets at Leroy Downs;
- Inspect the trees at Leroy Downs to see what can be done;
- Look into the parking issues at Roodner Court.