Carver Center Programs Meeting 12/3/19

Attendance : Alberto Arias , April Langus, Maureen Gomez, Sonia Alcantarilla, Donna Jarecki,Claire Diesen Steinberg, Anne Bradner,Leanne Tormey, Colleen Kane, Jen Prather, Stephanie Barrett

Alberto Arias, the new director of the Carver After School Program ( CAP), gave a presentation on the current state of CAP. He also spoke about his background . He has a masters degree in Psychology and is working on a PhD with a focus on Education .His previous work experience includes running a 300 student after school program in the Bronx .

Alberto reviewed the daily CAP schedule.

He checks in at Portchester Middle School between 2:40-3:10 in order to pick up the 29 students( 10 from 6th, 10 from 7th and 9 from 8th grade ) to walk them to Carver.

3:30 approximate arrival at Carver

3:30-3:50 snupper ( snack /dinner)

4:00 enrichment / homework help

5:00 recreation

5:15-5:30 dismiss

On Tuesdays the 6th graders swim from 3:45-4:45

CAP has community partnerships with

* Clay Arts
* Rye Nature
* Greenwich Hospital
* High school readiness with student intern from GHS

The newly structured enrichment program includes

* Animated classroom ( anime)
* Debate
* Improv theater and ensemble work
* Project based learning ( recent activities have involved cooking)
* Fun Friday

Alberto is focusing on building relationships/ rapport with students and their families. He is also trying to build a curriculum which will motivate students ( i.e. improv theater, current issue debates , etc…) . He has 2 people assisting him, but could use one more . Leanne said that they are currently looking for someone for that position. Alberto has also been collaborating with Kelly in the teen center.

Alberto will also be a co-director of the summer camp.

Leanne mentioned that although we had a long waitlist for our CAP, we are challenged to fill spots that have opened mid semester as most families on the waitlist had to make other after school plans for their children. She felt we need to think about next year’s enrollment with perhaps more of a focus on 6 th grade . We will know more about what families need/ want after the January Edison Exhibition when we will do the client voice survey.

The next programs meeting will be on January 14th at 10 am.