

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT COALITION ON EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND SERVICES

MINUTES

Community Meeting

7/25/68

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vann, who gave the following progress report on the Coalition office set up.

- The office is being set up in suite 602 of the Granada Hotel, 268 Ashland Place near Fulton Street.
- Used furniture has been ordered and coming in.
- By Monday, 7/29/68, there will be a Secretary in the office, a young person from the Community who has the training and could use the experience.
- The Administrative Aide will be on within a week.
- The Board of Higher Education has set up a revolving fund of \$1000.00 to handle equipment and supply expenses.

He stressed the fact that this set-up is only temporary until we can find a place in the community.

The discussion then turned to additions to the position paper outlined at the last meeting.

Professor Patterson stated concepts about the College should not be seen in terms of duration (2 years vs. 4 years), there should be a program of two types:

1. Transferable
2. Upgrading in areas

i.e. giving a strong base for transfers to any City University Institution or a continuing program for obtaining a BA or BS degree in addition to terminal 2 year studies. This plan is because the Board of Higher Education will not use current appropriation for a 4 year school.

The problem is credits can be lost in transfer since the low standards in 2 year schools does not attract the more qualified Instructors as a 4 year school does.

Dr. Berkman asked why have we gotten away from the concept of a 4 year school altogether, Why can't we move into 4 years from 2 years? It is inconceivable that City University will change its transfer policy. Mr. Vann stated the Board members says "It can not be done that way", because the State appropriates money to Junior Colleges, also we can negotiate for mandatory transfer acceptance and gear the curriculum accordingly.

Mr. Meed suggested that we should make the sacrifice of ~~years~~ ^{Time} to submit a proposal for a 4 year school.

Mr. Vann pointed out that this is not the feeling of the total Community as it was expressed at past meetings.

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Mr. Meed stated that the Community has not been asked. It was then pointed out that there had been several Community Meetings and the concensus was to take a 2 year school with upgrading, and that the minutes of those meetings are available.

Suggestions were made by Mr. Enoch of YMCA.

1. There should be a concise clear statement of policy presented to the Boards of all Community Organizations.
2. Each person should get a list of all Organizations to enable everyone to make contacts.

Mr. Vann stated that the policy statement is being worked on, and in accordance with the motion made at the last meeting, the negotiating Team has gone over the two drafts submitted and there will be letters sent out to all Coalition members of the intent for the next meeting to make a final determination on the policy statement.

Before the meeting was adjourned it was pointed out that the Coalition is not moving. We should have a time table of what we intend to accomplish not only in relation to the College but also in terms of other educational needs and services for the Community.

Respectfully submitted

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