

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes
Of meeting held on April 27, 2021

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Marvin Goodman
Rob Jacklosky
Myra Joyce
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Joy Priveterre
Ramdat Singh
Martin Wolpoff
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

ELCA Committee, Chair
CB8-Committee Member
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Community Committee Member

Absent

Moses Esema

CB8-Committee Member

Guest

David Gellman
Ira Charles Leventhal
Araceli F. Linc
Alma C. Linc
Shajada Brown

CB8

The meeting came to order at 7:30PM.

Chair reported that Mayor de Blasio has earmarked \$500,000 for testing and tutoring students to help catch up on their education weaknesses. Shelters are in the budget to get wi-fi by August.

The committee discussed the budget priorities FY2023. The following is the list in priority order.

1. Maintain six-day Library service at our branches.

2. Digital Divide-Underserved students and students in homeless shelters (Broadway Plaza Family Shelter)-Bronx deserve the same wi-fi and broadband access that other students use in their education.
3. IN-Tech Academy-Bronx-Track area has cracks and drainage issues and is a safety hazard for students and students in after-school programs.
4. AMPARK NEIBORHOOD SCHOOL-Bronx-Library was repurposed into a classroom to support safe social distancing. Students need the Library restored.
5. MARIE CURIE NURSING AND PROFESSIONS HIGH SCHOOL-Bronx=Nursing Room for Health CTE Program with special equipment used as teaching tools. This project was approved by SCA but not funded.
6. RIVERDAL KINGSBRIDGE ACADEMY-BRONX- Upgrade School Library used by 1535 students and 120 staff members. The Library needs new furniture and new books.
7. PUBLIC SCHOOL 24-Bronx-Extend building to enlarge their lunchroom to serve all students in supporting social and emotional learning.
8. IN-PERSON LEARNING has resumed and continued supplies such as masks, gloves, sanitizer, and social distancing will be essential for possible future emergencies.

The Kingsbridge Library has embarked on phase 2 and now additionally offer limited browsing and computer appointments. Their websites have further information.

Myra Joyce reported several videos (produced by Myra) for the Riverdale Art Association that is worth your attention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
ELCA Committee