

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
Minutes of Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee
Held on December 11, 2024
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PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Constance Barnes Watson
Georgia Santiago
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

Chair-ELCA Committee
CB8-Committee Member
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CCM-Committee Member

Absent

Adiana Rivera
Johanna Edmundson
Emily Hausman

CB8-Committee Member
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Staff liaison

Farrah Kule Rubin, CB8 DM

Guests

David Gellman
Rebecca Brown Barbier
Maria A. Gomez
Melissa, Children's Librarian

CB8-Budget- Chair
Riverdale Library, Manager
Jerome Park Library, Manager
Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:39PM.

The minutes of December 11, 2024 could not be voted on because there was no quorum present. Also, it was pointed out that the Chair neglected to list the District Manager present in all this year's minutes. My apologies to Farrah.

The Chair's report mentioned that mid-year cuts would not be happening this year. Students have a chance to have alternative instruction in HVAC repair and maintenance as a career goal for students not interested in attending college after graduation from High School.

The Chair will be sending out letters to Principals in January, to ask them to identify the needs of their schools to submit to the Office of Management and Budget for our FY27 Budget priorities of Bronx Community Board No. 8. David Gellman told us that OMB would send their responses to our Budget Priorities for FY26 during the period of January 15 and January 30, 2024

Rebecca Brown Barbier reported that the Riverdale Branch Library will show movies during the school break. The Riverdale Branch Library will also have a dramatization of “Was The Night Before Christmas” with local talent, before Christmas. Maria Gomez and Melissa also shared information. Check their website for more details of their program’s availability.

The Youth Committee has asked the ELCA Committee to hold a joint meeting and request a speaker from ACS to explain their role in schools with their services. I will keep you posted soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. The Chair wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair-ELCA