

Pending committee approval
ELCA Committee Meeting Minutes
Held on February 22, 2022

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Sebastian Chittilappily
Moses Esema
Myra Joyce
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Ramdat Singh
Martin Wolpoff
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA Committee
CB8, Committee Member
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ABSENT

Constance Barnes-Watson

CB8, Committee Member

GUESTS

Martha Gonzalez-Buitrago
Maria B.
Nicole Javier
David Gellman
Terrence Lindsey
Ira Charles Levenberg
Aeaceli F.
Gladys Gomes
Alma C
Leona Teten
Deborah
Tamara Gill
Rachel Beaton

Manager, Kingsbridge Library
Manager, Spuyten Duyvil Library
Manager, Jerome Park Library
CB8
Parent, PS360

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LINC Literacy, Inc.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

The Chair spoke about the response of Office of Manage & Budget to the ELCA committee's FY23 Budget Priorities. As usual they were not able to fund any. However, Councilman Eric Dinowitz was able to fund several requests. The letter was sent to the principals for their needs in FY2024 with a deadline of March 11, 2022. The libraries were asked to let us know of their needs so that we can include them in our Budget Priorities'.

Mayor Adams proposed a cut to education in his budget and hopes for federal funds to make up the difference. Mayoral control will expire on June 30 and there will be a virtual forum on March 4th with NYC/State and Assembly Education legislators to consider extending or canceling Mayoral Control. The Chancellor and Mayor reported that graduation rate was up 1%.

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Parents are requesting an end to masks on students in school. The schools are serving a vegan day lunch on Fridays. It is too early to see how that goes.

The Mitzvah Project has gone forward with material such as video and guides for teachers and students to the principal of High School 368 and Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy. We will monitor their progress.

Three representatives from our library branches were in attendance. The Spuyten Duyvil Library, Kingsbridge Library and Jerome Park Library. Each spoke about their many programs which are on their websites. The libraries are open and have started in-person programs for all ages.

A parent of a student at PS360 spoke of a safety issue which he will bring to the Traffic & Transportation committee. His issue is the repair of speedbumps on Kingsbridge Terrace. Also, he is requesting three additional speedbumps near the school.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs