

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 MINUTES OF

EDUCATION, LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2024

PRESENT

SYLVIA ALEXANDER

CONSTANCE BARNES WATSON

JOHANNA EDMONSON

EMILY HAUSMAN

ADIANA RIVERA

GEORGIA SANTIAGO

AFFILIATION

Chair-ELCA -on Zoom

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GUESTS

Rebbeca Brown

C. Smith

Melissa=Children's Librarian

Manager-Riverdale Branch Library

Manager-Van Cortlandt Branch Library

Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library

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

The minutes of March 2024 were approved as written.

The Chair informed the committee of the SAPO application submitted by Rabbi Shemtov for the Chanuka Menorah Lighting on December 29, 2024. The street will be closed. (Riverdale Avenue at West 239th Street from 3:30 till 8:00PM. The committee approved this request. Rabbi Shemtov did not attend and a resolution is not required for religious events, as per SAPO office.

The Librarians spoke about some of the programs available at their branches and can be found on their websites. Ms. Brown mentioned that the roof at Riverdale Branch needs repairs. Melissa mentioned that the book drop is open and can be used.

The Chair shared the news that the Chancellor of Education is retiring as of the end of the year.

The Chair shared that there were some problems with the middle school applications, but they have been fixed.

The Chair shared that there is a shortage of bi-lingual teachers in the system to service the many migrant children entering our schools

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair ELCA