

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
Minutes of the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting
Held on September 22, 2020

| PRESENT | AFFILIATION |
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| Sylvia Alexander | Chair, ELCA Committee |
| Myra Joyce | CB8-Committee Member |
| Rob Jacklosky | CB8-Committee Member |
| Martin Wolpoff | CB8, Committee Member |
| Judith Green | Community Committee Member |
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| ABSENT | |
| Marvin Goodman | CB8, Committee Member |
| Rita Pochter-Lowe | CB8, Committee Member |
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| GUEST | |
| Laura Spalter | Chair-COmmunity Board No. 8 |
| Martha Gonzalez | Manager-Kingsbridge Library |
| Rebecca Brown Barrier | Manager, Riverdale Library |
| Deidra Burke | Community Resident |
| Moses Eseman | Community Resident |
| Lucinda Papanelle | Community Resident |
| Others | |

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

The minutes of the May 26, 2020 were approved as written.

Chairperson's Report-

Due to the pandemic and the fluid state of DOE's plan to open schools, my report has become stale. About 40% of parents have opted for remote learning to keep their children safe and this is doable because the parents are still working from home. Many options have been spoken about such as blended learning with provided childcare but has not been implicated. Using Parks who handled afterschool programs by not-for-profit organizations has not happened.

Additional plans are needed to complete a comprehensive plan to keep children, teachers and staff safe.

The Kingsbridge Library and the Spuyten Duyvil Library are now open for Grab and Go Service.

Voter Registration for youth turning 18 years old by Election Day, November 3, 2020 are encouraged to register asap. Notices have been sent to Principals at High Schools and has been posted on our Facebook page.

Comptroller Scott Stringer has put out a Resource Guide, "Back to School" filled with information for parents. Contact the community action center @212-669-3916. Some of the topics covered are: Parent Organization & Family Engagement, Covid -19 Testing, Attendance Matters, Virtual Learning, Mental Health & Emotional Wellness, Special Education Services, Language Learners, Childcare and more.

Myra Joyce has joined ELCA to explore the committee's involvement with the Riverdale Art Assoc. and the Riverdale Coral Society to round out our Cultural Affairs component of our committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair ELCA Committee