

pending committee approval

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee
Minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Constance Barnes
Moses Esema
Myra Joyce
Ramdat Singh
Martin Wolpoff

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA Committee
CB8, Committee Member
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ABSENT

Sebastian Chittilappilly
Judith Green

CB8-Committee Member
CCM (Not notified)

GUESTS

Tambra Gill
Lindsey Armstrong
Rabbi Shemtov
David Gellman
Gladys Gomez
Araceli Farciert
Alma C
Ira Charles Levenberg

Jerome Park Branch Library
Amalgamated Nursery School
Chabad of Riverdale
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Literacy Inc.
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The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

The minutes of March 22, 2022 were approved as written.

The Chair called on Ms. Armstrong of the Amalgamated Nursery School to present her request for a SAPO application. The block party event will be held on June 5, 2022 at Gale Place between Orloff Avenue & Van Cortlandt Park from 11:00am to 3:00 pm.

VOTE-In Favor-5 Opposed-0 Abstention-0
S. Alexander, C Barnes, M. Esema, M. Joyce, R. Singh

The Chair called on Rabbi Shemtov of the Chabad of Riverdale to present the request for a SAPO application to celebrate Lag Baomer on May 19, 2022. The event will be held from 2:30pm to 8:00pm on West 235 Street between Independence Avenue & Douglas Avenue. This event has been held for approximately 20 years,

VOTE-In Favor-6 Opposed-0 Abstention-0

In Favor- s. Alexander, C. Barnes, M. Esems, M Joyce, R. Singh, M. Wolpoff

The Chair called on Gladys Gomez of Literacy Inc. to present her program. Ms. Gomez explained that the program services children 0 to 5years and starts with parents and follows until children are ready for kindergarten. Literacy Inc. makes available books to teach literacy. In the Kingsbridge area books are available in local establishments such as the Marble Hill Senior Center where books are free and welcome parents to come in and pick them up. In this way children are read to by parents who are bi-lingual and as they grow children read to parents in English. Another site for the program are parks. and staff is available to support this effort. This service is delivered by in-person programs and virtual programing. Literacy Inc. is affiliated with companies such as Target and New York Yankees, local partners in the community and appreciate volunteers for staffing, distributing books etc. The program started under Mayor de Blasio and continues to grow.

The Chair presented the Capital Budget Priorities up for discussion for FY2024 as follows:

1. PS24 Auditorium renovation. Current conditions include broken seats, no audio/visual equipment, obsolete stage and defective lights.
2. .PS24 Bathrooms (16) Renovation-New toilets, sinks, rusted pipes, floor and tile replacement
3. .PS81-School Yard Repaving-Due to extensive construction paving is necessary for the safety of students and staff
4. . PS310 Marble Hill Complex-Auditorium Renovation-Replace broken seats, motorize display screen, stage and curtains
5. . HS368-Safety Cameras-They already have HD equipment but no outdoor cameras

6. HS368-Bx-Upgrade School Library
7. Marie Curie High School for Nursing-Equip the nursing room to properly teach nursing.

The Chair presented the Expense Budget Priorities up for discussion for FY2024 as follows:

1. Education (Libraries)NYPL-Maintain 6 day programs in our 5 branches
2. Education-DOE-PS24 Bronx- Construct a green house where their garden is now.
3. . Education-DOE-PS310 Marble Hill Complex Bronx-Outdoor green space to advance their sustainability and STEAM imitative

Myra Joyce reported that the Riverdale Art Assoc. held a fundraiser with a Yonkers Art group and collected \$500.00. She also reported that Christ Church Coral Group would be performing on May 22, 2022. The rally at the Russian Mission continues every Sunday at 4:00pm. Encourages more participation in the community to keep focus on the Ukraine issue.

Tambra Gill, the manager at the Jerome Park Branch Library reported English classes have begun at her branch and at the Kingsbridge Library. Homework help is available on Thursday afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Programs in-person and virtual programs are now available.

The meeting was adjourned at .8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Char
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee