

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

Minutes of the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee

Held on February 23, 2021 via Zoom

**PRESENT**

Sylvia Alexander

Moses Esema

Marvin Goodman

Rob Jacklosky

Myra Joyce

Ramdat Singh

Martin Wolpoff

Judith Green

**AFFILIATION**

ELCA Committee, Chair

CB8, Committee Member

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Community Committee Member

**ABSENT**

Rita Pochter-Lowe

CB8, Committee Member

**GUESTS**

Steven Schwartz

Principal-PS24 Bx

David Gellman

CB8-Budget Chair

Martha Gonzalez-Buitrago

Manger, Kingsbridge Library

Shajada Brown

Tamara Gill

IC L-Engel

BCEQ-Edu Chairman

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Leila May Landy

Constance Barnes-Watson

The meeting came to order at 7:40 pm.

The minutes of January 26, 2021 were approved as written.

The Chair called on. Mr. Schwartz, Principal of PS24 to discuss the Gifted & Talented program and its future. The test for the G&T program will not be given this year because the Educational Panel voted it down. There will be a lottery and

recommendations from early childhood teachers to qualify admittance in September. It was felt wrong to test a 4-year-old child, as was done in the past. Mr. Schwartz expects more information to come as the school year plans for September. Mr. Schwartz was asked how he is handling the Coronavirus with in-school teaching and said he is following the CDC rules.

The Chair discussed the City Council Ydonia Rodriguez Intro 0293-2018 legislation which calls for a Freedom Trail Task Force to look into ways to identify a trail in New York City to make apparent the path used for the Underground Railroad etc., used by the slaves to their freedom. A resolution was suggested and voted upon unanimously. The Chair will bring the resolution to the Executive Committee on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chair thanked committee member Martin Wolpoff for bringing the issue to the committee and working on the composition of the resolution.

Martha Gonzales Buitrago, manager of the Kingsbridge Branch Library shared that our libraries are open for Grab & Go service. You can also get an update of services on Community Board 8's website ([www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8)).

The Chair opened discussion on the Budget Priorities FY2023. This is a work in progress.

The Chair discussed the Riverdale Art Assoc. videos on their website. Myra Joyce is the Vice President of the group and producer of several videos of the group's artwork. It is well worth a look.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair ELCA committee