

BRONX COMMUNITTEE BOARD NO. 8  
Minutes of the Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee  
Held on October 29, 2019 at the Board Office

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander  
Marvin Goodman  
Martin Wolpoff  
Sharon Paige  
Rita Pochter-Lowe  
Rob Jacklosky  
Nick Fazio  
Judith Green

AFFILLIATION

Chair, ELAC Committee  
CB8, Committee member  
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Community Committee member

GUESTS

Peter Pamphile	Manager, Van Cortlandt Library
Yuyuhita Guzman	Bronx resident
Jacqueline Lova	College Student
Dora Gutierrez	Parents Assoc. PS81

The meeting came to order at 7:40 PM

The minutes of October 29, 2019 was corrected: Marvin Goodman-CB8 committee member, (was incorrectly listed as CB9) and Sharon Paige was not listed as absent. The minutes, as corrected were passed unanimously.

The Chair called on Yuyuhita Guzman to explain the issue she wanted supported and discussed by the committee. She was interested in the City Council Intro 1676 dealing with from-scratch-food to be served to students in the all public schools, primarily, at lunch. It has been started in several schools in the Bronx and one in Connecticut. The Intro is now in the Education Committee in the Council. The original Intro was generated by Councilwoman Rosenthal.

Since this item was not on the agenda and the committee felt unprepared to discuss the issue, the Chair laid it over to our next meeting with Ms. Guzman will forward a copy of Inreo1676 along with an article from the New York Times, as further information for committee members.

The Chair called on Dora Gutierrez, Safety Committee-PS81 to give us an update on school safety. They have additionally identified the resurfacing of their back yard and outside mirrors would add another layer onto their original safety measures. The "NO PARKING" signs on the South side of West 256 Street between Delafield Avenue and Mosholu Avenue have not been installed by DOT yet. Follow up is necessary.

Peter Pamphile, Manager, Van Cortlandt Library gave a report on the many programs offered

to patrons, from toddlers to adult. The committee was impressed that attention was focused on tutorial practice (PSAT & SAT), for teens, on the specialized high schools admissions test prep. In addition the library offers a "College and Career Pathways",-navigating the college application for Ages 13-18 years old. These are two areas to be invaluable toward the future of teens. The library also offers Teen Stem based activities. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 3:30 PM. at the library. Full listing of all offerings can be found on their website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair  
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs