

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee
Held on April 28, 2020 (via Zoom)

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Nick Fazio
Marvin Goodman
Rob Jacklosky
Rita Pochter-Lowe

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA Committee
CB8, Committee member
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ABSENT

Martin Wolpoff

CB8, Committee member

GUEST

David Gellman
Steven Schwartz
Sydney L.

CB8
Principal-PS24
New York Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM.

The minutes of our meeting of February 25, 2020 were approved as written.

The Chair opened a discussion of our proposed Budget Priorities for FY2022. Steven Schwartz, Principal-PS24, answered some questions about his FY2022 Capital Budget request to extend the building to accommodate both the hot lunchroom and cold lunchroom that all students could socialize during lunch whether they eat hot lunch or bring lunch from home and have recess after finishing. This would foster creating new relationships among the students.

The Capital Budget items FY2022 of the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee voted upon were as follows:

LIBRARIES: (NYPL) Maintain six day service in our branch libraries. The community and students count on being able to access the libraries for their many innovative programs and they are the safe places to go for the students.

EDUCATION: (DOE) PS24-Bronx- Request for extension of building to accommodate both hot and cold lunchroom to foster diversity in social setting.

EDUCATION: (DOE) Riverdale-Kingsbridge Academy/MS141 Bronx: Request to upgrade the school library used by 1535 students and 120 staff members of RKA and MS141. Replace tables, chairs, carpeting, built in bookcases, etc.

EDUCATION: (DOE) The Marie Curie HS for Medicine & Nursing Professions-Bronx: Request for a Nursing Room for Health Services CTE Program in Nursing, The room must meet certain criteria with special equipment as teaching tools. This project has been approved by SCA but needs funding. (\$700,000)

There was also discussion regarding a prep course for the SHSAT test to be offered through three of our library branches. (Riverdale, Kingbridge and Spytten Duyvil Branches) The Chair spoke to Rebecca Brown, Manager of the Riverdale Branch, and although the interest to have such a free program, the NYPL would need to approve the request and would be involved in filling the position of teachers. Since that has not been addressed at this time, it is premature to request funding. Sydney L. from NYPL spoke to this issue. The committee will continue its support of this issue until approval from NYPL is received and funding can be obtained.

This was the committee's first meeting on Zoom. After the meeting the Chair found out that the recording feature did not record. The Chair thinking the recording would be available to help with the minutes did not take any notes. These minutes are based on memory only. If I have missed any important information please let me know. Thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee.