

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Minutes of the Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee
Meeting Held on June 23, 2020 via Zoom

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Sylvia Alexander	Chair, ELCA committee
Nick Fazio	CB8, Committee Member
Rob Jacklosky	CB8, Committee Member
Martin Wolpoff	CB8, Committee Member
Judith Green	Community Committee Member
ABSENT	
Marvin Goodman	CB8, Committee Member
Rita Pochter-Lowe	CB8, Committee Member
GUESTS	
Sydney	New York Public Library
Two Parents	PS 24
Rebecca Brown	Manager, Riverdale Library

The meeting came to order at 7:35.

The Chair corrected errors of minutes sent out for the April Meeting. Judith Green did attend the meeting and she shared a report about schools gradings this year to only pass or needs improvement. The needs improvement students would be expected to attend summer school virtually. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Sydney, Assoc. Director of Government and Community Affairs, NYPL announced the Brooklyn and Queens Libraries would be open for Grab and Go program on July 13, 2020. No word yet for our local branches. Suggested to check website for NYPL for many virtual programs for all ages.

The Chair's report included Mayor de Blasio promised that the funds taken from NYPD would go to summer programs for youth. Gov. Cuomo undecided if schools should open in September. Teachers are opting out and feel plans are not in place yet to ensure safety for both teachers, staff and students. Virtual learning has not served students well and should be reexamined.

The Chair shared her concern regarding the removal of NYPD from schools. The DOE ran the security of schools until 1998 when bomb threats and false fire alarms were a regular occurrence. With the NYPD in the schools that all stopped including weapons in schools. For everyone's safety this situation needs more planning.

Nick Fazio introduced a motion for the Education committee to join the youth committee to advocate for funding for summer programs. The motion was tabled since no prior contact with the chair of the Youth committee to consider this action.

Vote-For-3 Against-2 Abstain-0

For-3-S. Alexander, M. Wolpoff, J. Green Against-2- N. Fazio, R. Jacklosky
Abstain-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee