

(pending committee approval)
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee
Minutes of the April 30, 2019 meeting held at Board Office

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

Chair-Ed., Lib. and Cultural Affairs Comm.
Community Committee Member

ABSENT

Rita Pocter-Lowe
Marvin Goodman
Tricia Mullen
Sharon Paige
Marty Wolpoff

CB8-Committee member
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GUESTS

Dora Gutreres
Arlene Griagrande
Rebecca Brown Barbier
Peter Pamphile
Joel Guerrero
Xavier Etfel
Miguel Mercades

PS 81 Parents Association
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Manager, Riverdale Branch Library
Manager, Van Cortlandt Branch Library

The meeting came to order at 7:40 PM. The minutes of the March meeting were not voted on since there was not a quorum.

PS 81 Parents Association presented their desire to add safety measures to improve the safety of their students in case of emergencies. The parents would like the entrance of the school locked during the day with buzzer and video camera to deter anyone from entering that could be a threat. They would like the classroom doors to have bulletproof windows and push button locks to eliminate the use of keys to prevent potential harm to students and staff.

The Parents Association is planning to contact the elected officials to support them in this endeavor. They have plans to get petition signatures from parents to strengthen their position.

Peter Pamphile, the manager of the Van Cortlandt Branch Library was excited to share that the progress of moving into their new location is expected to be completed by sometime in June. The new space will enable new programs to be added since the

site is a much larger space. Rebecca Brown Barbier, the manager of the Riverdale Branch Library spoke of the many programs enjoyed by the community, including students planting flowers in front of the building to the delight of young and adult library patrons. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and creative staff at all of our branches.

Mr. Efer, Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Mercades spoke about technology they are creating to be used by teachers in the instruction of students. They plan to send more information about their work to the Board office soon.

The committee's event is in May 19, 2019 at Wave Hill from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on the topic "Women's Suffrage-Vote for Women". The Board will set up a RSVP email. Please respond your attendance. The Bronx County Historical Society will do a lecture. It will be most interesting since some of the women were from the Bronx and from out neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Library and Cultural Affairs Committee