

(pending committee approval)
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8
Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee
Held on May 28, 2019

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Martin Wolpoff
Judith Green

AFFIATION

Chair, Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Comm.
CB8-Committee Member
CB8, Committee Member
Community Committee Member

GUESTS

Nicholas Fasio	PS 24- Parent
Dora Guterrez	PS 81- Parent
Rebecca Barbier	Riverdale Library-Manager
I. C. Levenberg	Resident
Orchid Tavarez	Resident
Robin Schwartz	Resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Introduction of committee members and guests.

The minutes of March 28 and April 30 were not approved because of lack of quorum.

Dora Guterrez of PS 81 shared her update on school safety budget request of the education committee. The Parents Association had an interview on Channel 12 and they attended our last board meeting asking for support for additional safety measures at their school such as video cameras at entrances and exits, automatic locking doors on classrooms and bulletproof glass in doors of classrooms etc. The budget request will be added to our FY2021 Budget Priorities.

The Chair reported on the committee's community event held on May 19 at Wave Hill. The Bronx Historical Society presented a lecture which was very interesting and well received by attendees. The topic was Women's Suffrage and New York City: A Centennial Celebration Lecture & Exhibition. The funding was obtained through the City Council and our three City Council Representative namely:

Councilman Andrew Cohen
Councilman Fernando Cabrera
Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez

We are very grateful to Wave Hill for hosting the event gratis and Carolyn Liv for all of her assistance to the successful outcome.

Rebecca Barbier, the Riverdale Library, Manager shared many programs available at her branch. Summer reading list was given out and all information is available at the branch and on the computer on her site. The Van Cortlandt Library will close their branch on June 17 to get ready for their move to the new location and the opening will be announced shortly. This is very exciting and we look forward to the opening.

The committee discussed some topics for future meetings and some research will follow up on suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee