

**MINUTES OF  
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING  
October 13, 2022**

The meeting was held at Yonkers Montessori Academy and was called to order by Jim Riley, Council President.

**Council Members Present:** James Riley (President), Peter Sieh, Carol Westphal, Don DeMatteo, Jesse Montero, Z.Baird, and Tracey Wong, *ex officio*.

**Excused:** Karen Loia and Nicole Taylor-Wernham.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 26, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Reports:**

**Membership:** (Carol Westphal)

- Steve Mazzola has resigned from the YCSLS Council. We thank him for his service.

**Professional Development:**

- Library Services:
  - September 2, 2022 – Superintendent's Conference Day Presentations
    - Mariana Sugrim - Rocketbook Notebook and Microsoft Visio
    - Nicole Taylor-Wernham – Project Look Sharp
    - Carol Westphal – Data and Follett Reports for End of Year Library Report
    - Avi Ornovitz – Discovery Education
    - Meghan Loretan – Gale Resources
  - September 29, 2022 – Jim Riley, Peter Sieh, Ingrid Sutherland and Tracey Wong attended Shelley Meyer's Roundtable at White Plains High School. Topics discussed were: COVID and Results, Censorship, School Library Funding and Certification.
- District Secondary Department Meeting:
  - September 30, 2022 – Accountable Talk–Roseanne Collins-Judon and Kathy Dahdal

**Yonkers Public Library Report:** (Jesse Montero and Z Baird)

- Hispanic Heritage Month programs were held in all three branches. The culminating event was held on September 15, 2022.
- They are updating the YPL webpage and signage in all branches.
- They are looking to hire additional Spanish speaking staff.
- They are updating the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
- The YPL has received a Community Block Development Grant. At the Riverfront Branch they will create The Cove for younger children and are creating an open area in the Teen Room.
- The YPL has many resources available and would like YPS help to get the word out. Some resources are: Learning Express Library, Tutor.com and Homework Helper for grades 1-6.

**Library Services Report:** (Tracey Wong)

- Each High School Library will receive a hydroponics garden tower and a cricut.
- GHS has also received an embroidery machine.
- In the future the libraries will receive a green screen.
- New furniture has been ordered for the library commons at School 9, Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, Barack Obama School for Social Justice, Riverside HS and Yonkers Montessori Academy.
- Students at Gorton HS and Riverside HS are podcasting.

- Carol Westphal sent 45 Reading Logs to Tracey Wong from students in grades 1-8 at Yonkers Montessori Academy for YPL Kids Summer Reading Challenge 2022.
- This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Smart Start Grant. Teachers met this summer at Gorton HS for Professional Development. Gorton HS students presented at different modules.

**Website:** (Don DeMatteo)

- All school pages have been updated, as well as, all links.
- Schoology – students can view their courses and submit work.
- YPL website is available to the entire YPS community on Clever.
- PowerSchool is our student/parent portal. Families can view attendance, schedules and more.

**Old Business:**

- Summer Reading – The deadline for all Reading Logs for YPL Kids Summer Reading Challenge 2022 are due to Tracey Wong by September 30, 2022.

**New Business:**

- Carol Westphal thanked Emily Power at the Riverfront Library for filling YPL card applications and returning them to Yonkers Montessori Academy rapidly.
- **Next Meeting:** TBA
- **Motion to Adjourn:** Approved
- **Minutes:** Respectfully submitted, Carol Westphal