

**YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING #4
JUNE 2, 2020**

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom and was called to order by Ms. Gina Bell, Director Library Services.

Council Members Present: James P. Riley (President), Peter Sieh, Marcy Duncanson, Don Solimene, Karen Loia, Alice Malek, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Steven Mazzola, Susan Thaler, Carol Westphal and Gina Bell, *ex officio*.

Excused: Linda De Simone, Don DeMatteo, Ghada Salim and Angelo Petrino.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 20, 2019 were approved with corrections.

Reports:

Membership: (Carol Westphal)

- Email all changes in membership to cwestphal@yonkerspublicschools.org.

Professional Development (Gina Bell):

- December, 2019
 - Secondary-Best Practices
 - YMA Parent Meeting on eBooks – Carol Westphal
- January, 2020
 - Elementary Curriculum Workshop #1- Nicole Taylor-Wernham Universal Library Vocabulary-based on AASL Standards.
 - Follett Destiny Circulation Procedures
 - Virtual Reality Workshop – Christine Betitti (YPL)
- February, 2020
 - Elementary Curriculum Workshop #2
 - Best Practices – Secondary LMS
 - Discovery Education
 - Elementary Curriculum Workshop #3
- March, 2020
 - Virtual Teaching & Learning During COVID 19
- April, 2020- (Each LMS Hosted a workshop)
 - Clever/eBooks Workshop
 - iClass Workshop
 - Online Teaching & Learning in LMC Workshop #1
 - Online Teaching & Learning in LMC Workshop #2
 - Flipgrid Workshop
 - Kahoot! Workshop
- May, 2020
 - Universal Library Vocabulary Workshop
 - Britannica Online Encyclopedia Workshop
 - Planning Workshop Virtual Author Visit and Library Re-Opening Plan
 - Elementary Re-opening Planning Meeting
 - Secondary Re-opening Planning Library Meeting
 - PADLET Workshop
- June, 2020
 - READsquared Online Summer Reading Workshop – Zahara Baird and Eileen Fusco (YPL)
 - Yonkers City School Library System Council Meeting #4

Highlights: Elementary Curriculum Committee - Nicole Taylor-Wernham
Produced K-12 Universal Library Vocabulary List based on AASL Standards. Vocabulary lists have been posted on the Library Services website.

Yonkers Public Library Report: (Susan Thaler)

- Welcome Jesse Montero new Director of Yonkers Public Library who started his new position March 23, 2020.
- Foundation of the Yonkers Public Library will be holding their Annual Fundraising Gala virtual on June 10, 2020. There are two events, at noon Author and Poet, Julia Alvarez will speak to YPS Community at 6:00 pm she will address the community at large. All are welcome; go to YPL.org and click on media player.
- COVID Opening – YPL is planning for a safe opening in gradual steps from COVID quarantine. Keep track of progress on website.
- Revamped Website Started a Blog (Community Bulletin Board).

Summer Reading: (Susan Thaler, Gina Bell)

- Due to COVID-19, there is only virtual programming at the library.
- YPL has a new Online Summer Reading Program called READsquared.
- The library eBooks are available on grade level bands. List on grade level were reviewed. Assignments will remain the same as last year. Students will need to create an account (Username & Password) and enter their YPL card to use it.
- The traditional print reading program can also be used if a student prefers.
- Lists can be found online at YPL and YPS.
- Summer Reading Pilot programs were updated and are being used at Saunders High School, Riverside High School and Yonkers Montessori Academy.
- READsquared Workshops for YPS teachers were held in June.
- Many thanks to YPL for all their Summer Reading efforts.

Library Services Report: (Gina Bell)

- Library Services is developing a plan for safe re-opening of school libraries during COVID-19.
- Coordinated departments online student lesson plans K-12.
- Assisted students, teachers, administrators and parents with technology issues.
- Library Services Department developed 19 Technology & Database Resource Guides, instructional and read aloud videos for the YPS learning platform and website.
- Library Services Department vetted and expanded district and school library Clever Pages with free educational resources.
- Facilitated Professional Development: 25 Workshops – 16 were virtual – 4 additional are planned.
- Worked with YPL on READsquared Online Summer Reading Program.
- Worked with Foundation for Yonkers Public Library to secure Virtual Author Visit for students.
- 2018-2019 Annual Report Accepted by Department of Library Development NYSED.
- Library Services SURVEY distributed to Yonkers School Community.
- Karen Loia manages a new Library Services Twitter Account.
- Carol Westphal keeps the website and CLEVER pages up to date with free resources available during COVID-19 and Library Services resources.

Website Report: (Carol Westphal)

- Added 19 Resources Guides.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Peter Sieh is working on producing the “Moving Up” Video Ceremony for School 13.

Next Meeting:

- August/September 1st Meeting: Approval of Membership and Annual Report.

Motion to Adjourn: Approved

Minutes: Respectfully submitted, Marcy Duncanson