

**MINUTES OF
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 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, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Carol Westphal, Don DeMatteo, Jesse Montero, Z.Baird, and Tracey Wong, *ex officio*.

Excused: Karen Loia and Steve Mazzola.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

Reports:

Membership: (Carol Westphal)

- No updates

Professional Development:

- Library Services:
 - March 17, 2022 – Ann Levy presented QR code generator and Brenda Francis-Knowles presented Using the Glowforge 3D Laser Printer to cut and engrave.
 - March 24, 2022 – Dr. Dan Sabol presented Digication, Nicole Taylor-Wenham presented Project Look Sharp, Peter Sieh presented Kahoot, and Carol Westphal presented Data and Follett Reports applicable to our Annual Library Report.
- District Secondary Department Meeting:
 - February 16, 2022 – Media Literacy – Maria Angelica Meyer and Tracey Wong
 - March 2, 2022 – High School Programs – Roseanne Collins-Judon
 - May 11, 2022 – NYS Science Standards – Kelly Jakab and Kathleen Ruperto
- March 1, 2022 Jim Riley, Nicole Taylor-Wernham and Carol Westphal met on Zoom to discuss and prepare the district's Challenged Library Materials Policy and Forms. The documents are posted on the Yonkers School District Library Services Webpage.
- May 6, 2022 - Carol Westphal attended the Virtual Westchester Library Association Annual Conference. This year's focus was Libraries Embrace Change – Diverse Voices in Libraries. One of the presenters was Tracey Wong, who spoke about Equity through Librarianship.
- May 13, 2022 - Jim Riley and Carol Westphal attended a Statewide Professional Development on Zoom titled Collection, Selection and Objection. Barbara Stripling spoke about supporting a diverse and representative collection and Censorship: Facing the Challenges. Other topics included The Legal Foundations and District Policy Supports.
- Dr. Dan Sabol and Mariana Sugrim attended a workshop on Schoology.

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

- All YPL have new hours.
- YPL budget passed. They will redesign the YPL webpage and logo. Both the Will and Riverfront Branch will update their Teen rooms.
- Summer Reading Lists were updated to include more diversity and inclusion.
- Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Challenge begins at all YPL on June 1, 2022. There is an instructional video on the YPL website. Students and adults can sign-up by selecting one of the four levels on ReadSquared. Students can fill out their reading log to win prizes. Students are encouraged to return their log to their teacher in September.

- The Summer Reading Book Buddies Program will take place from July 5th – August 10th. The program will have two sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Riverfront Library. There are over 100 participating teens and adults.
- “1000 Books before Kindergarten” – The YPL would like to push this out to YPS to get young children ready for school.
- The YPL will host The Stars and Moon: Discover the Yonkers Night Sky, with Marc Taylor, manager of the Hudson River Museums planetarium and science programs.
- The foundation of the YPL will host its annual Gala on May 11, 2022 at the Will Branch.

Library Services Report: (Tracey Wong)

- Students are creating projects in the school libraries fabrication labs.
- The library at School 9 will receive new tables and chairs.
- Yonkers Montessori Academy had seventy-six students participate in our “100 Books, 100 Days” Reading Challenge, reading over 4,000 print and eBooks. For their accomplishments, Carol Westphal and Sharon Governali hosted a pizza and ice cream luncheon. Students received accolades and the following awards a certificate, a reading challenge pendant, a bookmark, a pin, a sticker and a super reader pencil.
- Students at Cross Hill Academy, Martin Luther King Academy, Gorton HS and Yonkers Montessori Academy participated in a Service Learning Project with Joan Lloyd. All students made a pair of earrings to keep and one to donate to a woman in a shelter.

Website: (Don DeMatteo)

- Meet the Team Page is a shared app between the YPS District Page to School Pages.
- Mariana Sugrim is helping Tracey Wong manage the District Library Page and schools that have no SLMS.
- The district is hosting Live Streaming for sport events, district and school events, and HS graduation taking place at Westchester Community College.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Our Challenge Material Forms can be accessed on the YPS District Library Page. Add to our forms: What is your relationship to the student?
- Have students and staff apply for a NYPL card, so they can access digital resources.
- Tumblebooks is available from YPL, however, you are unable to login at school.

Announcements:

- Both Tracey Wong and Nicole Taylor-Wernham will attend Project Look Sharp Professional Development July 15 – 17, 2022.
- Peter Sieh reported that this coming September Kathleen Reynolds class will work with the YPL on using VR Googles in the classroom.
- Peter Sieh participated in Saturday Academy at Martin Luther King Academy. His students learned how to use Ozobots, Makey Makey, Sphero and 3D Doodler Pens. Nasser Ibrahim came with a drone, which took pictures while it was flying.

Next Meeting: TBA

Motion to Adjourn: Approved

Minutes: Respectfully submitted, Carol Westphal