

**MINUTES OF
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING
October 24, 2018**

The meeting was held at Saunders Trades and Technical High School and was called to order by Jim Riley, Council President

Council Members Present: Jim Riley (President), Elaine Shine, Alice Malek, Don DeMatteo, Lisa Carney, Carol Westphal, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Karen Loia, Peter Sieh, Ed Falcone, Susan Thaler, Linda DeSimone, Marcy Duncanson, and Gina Bell, *ex officio*. **Excused:** Angelo Petrino

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting approved with corrections.

REPORTS:

Membership: (Carol Westphal)

- Carol Westphal distributed an updated list of all Library Council Members; list was reviewed, one correction to be made.

Professional Development:

- The draft 2018-2019 Professional Development Schedule reviewed and discussed.
- Library Media Specialists provided Clever Workshops for Parent/Teachers:
 - Carol Westphal –Parent workshop to be held on October 31st at YMA.
 - Karen Loia –Department Representatives Meeting held in October at LHS.
 - Jim Riley-Presented Clever at the September Faculty Meeting at Gorton HS.

Yonkers Public Library Report: (Ed Falcone)

- The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library (YPL) held a successful gala to celebrate the YPL's 125 years of service to Yonkers.
- Yonkers Public Library has a new Library Card Application. Please discard any old applications and use the new form. Patrons can sign up for a library card online. The link can be found on our website and the YPL website.
- The YPL received a Verizon Grant that collaborates with YPS to teach students at Paideia School 15 Virtual Reality. The grant also provided funding to create a Virtual Reality Lab at Tech Central in the Riverfront Library.
- YPL and the YPS Math Department are partnering with Mercy College on the "5th Graders Who Code" Project.
- Susan Thaler reported Summer School Inter-Library Loan Statistics included 459 circulations at Riverfront Library and 225 circulations at Will Library.

Library Services Report: (Gina Bell)

- The new School Membership List in the Yonkers City School Library System was reviewed.
- The Non-Public Schools Budget was prepared and sent to Non-Public School Principals.

- The Yonkers City School Library System 2017-2018 New York State School Library Annual Report was accepted by Department of Library Development.
- Gina Bell reviewed the 2018-2019 Yonkers Public School's (YPS) District Initiatives, Instructional Foci, Superintendent's Goals, My Brother's Keeper Milestones and YPS Three Year Plan.
- The 2018-19 District and NY State NOVEL NY Databases and Electronic Resources were reviewed. This year technology initiatives will teach and promote our new CLEVER Platform and Encyclopedia Britannica.
- The Council reviewed the article "In a Virtual World-How School, Academic and Public Libraries are Testing Virtual Reality in their Communities" by Michael Figueroa.

Website: (Don DeMatteo)

- Don DeMatteo led a discussion on the 2017-2018 Patron Survey results that included what we are doing well and where we can improve. In total, 258 Patrons took the survey. Patron concerns included: needed access to unblocking websites, additional computers, access to printers and color printers.
- The website committee is working on updating every school library website on School Wires. The PK-8 and High School website structure is completed. The website structure for the PK-6 Schools will be completed next. All sites will be populated with the new Welcome page.
- We are planning a workshop for new librarians on how to develop web pages in School Wires.

School Improvement: Ms. Elaine Shine gave us a brief review to the new NY State Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) rules for Schools in Accountability. New School Accountability Status: Good Standing, CSI, TSI, or PTSI. All Schools must work to improve the indicators: Student Achievement, Student Growth, Academic Progress, English Language Proficiency, Graduation Rates, Out of School Suspensions, Chronic Absenteeism, College, Career and Civic Readiness. Ms. Shine also reviewed the handout: "8 Things Every Educator should know about NY State's Plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act."

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Next Meeting: TBA

Motion to Adjourn: Approved

Minutes: Respectfully submitted, Linda DeSimone