

**MINUTES OF
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2019**

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), Don DeMatteo, Lisa Carney, Carol Westphal, Karen Loia, Peter Sieh, Ed Falcone, Linda DeSimone, Marcy Duncanson, and Gina Bell, *ex officio*. **Excused:** Elaine Shine, Alice Malek, Karen Loia, Angelo Petrino, and Susan Thaler.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 24, 2018 meeting approved with corrections.

REPORTS:

Membership:

- No Report

Professional Development:

- New Library Media Specialist Orientation & Coaching (October)
- School-Wire's Website Development for New LMS
- Follett Users Group

Superintendents /Conference Day (November)

- Microsoft One Drive
- Teaching Clever to Students, Parents and Teachers
- Using Data to Improve Library Services
- Best Practices for Teaching Library Skills

Enhancing Lesson Planning with Electronic Resources for Teachers (Teacher Center: Carol Westphal, Facilitator)

- Clever/Library Website/School Wires
- Discovery Education/PNW BOCES Social Studies & ELA
- Interactive eBooks: Bookflix/TrueFlix/One More Story/Follett Destiny LightBox
- Electronic Encyclopedias: Britannica & World Book/Teaching Books/Learning Zone
- Country Watch/World & I School & Kids/Using Resources that feature: Listen, Read and Translate, features to assist SWD and ENL's

Presently (Teacher Center: Carol Westphal, Facilitator)

Electronic Resources for teachers and Library Media Specialists

- Customizing Clever-Adding Resources to "My Page"
- Castle Learning-Customizing Assignments, Assessments, Reports & Data
- Opposing Viewpoints
- NOVEL Databases
- GALE: Magazines and Newspapers

Conference: Westchester School Library Media Specialist's Conference at SW BOCES

Yonkers Public Library Report: (Ed Falcone)

- Spring Gala – Sandra Cisneros (May 20, 2019)

- After school, homework help available in all three branches for grades 1-7.
- NEO Teen Art Club at the Riverfront Library Gallery serves up to 30 Teens representing all Yonkers High Schools each week.
- Virtual Reality Project with YPS (School 15) – Culminating event TBA.
- Summer Reading List – Added Mary Calvi book to the 9th Grade Reading List.

Library Services Report: (Gina Bell)

- Survey – Please encourage all to take patron survey.
- Discussed:
 - Author Visits – Mary Calvi, April 24, 2019 and Sandra Cisneros, May 20, 2019.
 - Yonkers History Day – May 23, 2019 at Yonkers Middle High School.
- Summer Reading Updates
 - Dear George, Dear Mary was added to the 9th grade list.
 - Summer Reading lists have been approved and submitted. They will be arriving in the schools sometime in May.
 - Yonkers Public Schools and the Yonkers Public Library is supporting the JCY Reading Buddies. Please encourage High School students to volunteer for the Summer Program. Informational fliers are on the website.

Website: (Don DeMatteo)

- New improvement: Making changes on the district page can be replicated on all school library websites.
- Yonkers Public Library and St. Anthony's School now has access to YPS library pages.
- YSLS Membership, Collection Development, Scholarship Links and all library websites updated.

School Improvement: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Please support Family Math Day April 27, 2019!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 4th (3:30 pm) at Saunders HS

Motion to adjourn: Approved

Minutes: Respectfully submitted, Linda DeSimone