

**MINUTES OF
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING
October 24, 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), Steve Mazzola, Don Solimene, Don DeMatteo, Alice Malek, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Carol Westphal, Karen Loia, Peter Sieh, Linda DeSimone, Marcy Duncanson, and Gina Bell, *ex officio*.

Excused: Angelo Petrino, Susan Thaler, and Ghada Salim.

Guest: Ed Falcone (YPL Representative).

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were approved with corrections.

REPORTS:

Membership: (Carol Westphal)

- Review and update of Yonkers City School Library System Membership Council 2019-2020 list.

Professional Development:

- September 17, 2019 – Follett User's Group (software, inter-library loan procedures, etc.).
- September 25, 2019 – Crestwood Public Library (ebooks, electronic resources, etc.).
- October 7, 2019 - Sum Dog Electronic Math Training held at School 13.
- October 23, 2019 – Secondary Departmental Meeting (ebooks, best practices, etc.).
- Upcoming Professional Development
 - October 31, 2019 – Parent Workshop at YMA (Resources on Clever Portal).
 - November 5, 2019 – SWBOCES (All day workshop on Library Standards).
 - Various Dates - Teacher Center Course – Carol Westphal, Instructor.
 - TBD - Meet with YP Librarian Christine Bitetti (Topic: Virtual Reality).
 - TBD – LMS and Math Teachers (Topic: Using a Graphing Calculator).

Yonkers Public Library Report:

- Ed Falcone will be retiring by the end of the year.
- Summer reading books are returning to schools.
- Susan Thaler will report Summer Reading statistics at the next meeting.
- Librarians can get a generic Yonkers Library Card for each of their schools.

Library Services Report: (Gina Bell)

- Reviewed 2019 JYC Reading Buddies summer reading statistics.
- HS principals were asked to increase the number of students needed as summer reading buddies.
- Ad-hoc committee of the Council will meet to discuss needed changes for Summer Reading. They will report their findings back to the Council.
- Council reviewed the progression of Summer Reading pilots.

Website: (Don DeMatteo)

- The new survey was distributed to committee for review.
- The committee worked on a revision and upon district approval new survey will be posted.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- YPL and YPS are working with the Westchester One Read committee on countywide literacy efforts. Kickoff event will be held at the Crestwood Library on November 21st at 2:00pm. All are welcome.

Announcements:

- The Foundation for the YPL will hold an author event for YPS June 2020 at the Riverfront Library.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2019 - Saunders High School, Room 201

Motion to Adjourn: Approved

Minutes: Respectfully submitted, Marcy Duncanson