

**MINUTES OF
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 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 Solimene, Don DeMatteo, Angelo Petrino, Susan Thaler, Carol Westphal, Peter Sieh, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Ghada Salim, Marcy Duncanson, Alice Malek, Linda DeSimone, and Gina Bell, *ex officio*.

Excused: Karen Loia and Steve Mazzola.

Guest: Ed Falcone (YPL Representative).

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting were approved with corrections.

Reports:

Membership: (Carol Westphal)

- Distributed 2019-2020 YSLS Member List.

Professional Development Completed:

- October 31, 2019 – Parent Workshop at YMA (eBook Resources on Clever Portal).
- December 13, 2019 – Parent Workshop at YMA (Library Resources on Clever Portal).
- November 5, 2019 – YPS Librarians attended the “Empire State Information Continuum Fluency” Conference at SWBOCES.

Professional Development Upcoming:

- January 20, 2020 – Virtual Reality Workshop – Christine Betitti (YPL).
- January 2020–Graphing Calculators–Funding available for workshop and training for LMS and Math Dept.
- Elementary Curriculum Workshops are being planned. Nicole Taylor-Wernham is leading this effort. Focus will be on grade level vocabulary and best practices.
- Teacher Center Course – Scheduled for spring 2020.

Yonkers Public Library Report: (Ed Falcone and Susan Thaler)

- YPL sent seven librarians to NYLA Conference.
- Foundation Gala set for June 10, 2020.
- Susan Thaler attended a 2020 Census session. Hoping to get 80% of population counted online.
- Statistics on Summer Reading are being compiled.
- Library Card campaign statistics are being compiled by YPL.

Library Services Report: (Gina Bell)

- Ceridian upload in Follett is complete.
- A motion was made to add the One Book Westchester authors to the summer reading list. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Book orders were finalized.
- We continue to work on supply orders. Send packing slips to Gina Bell when items are received.

Website: (Don DeMatteo)

- The new survey is active and available on our Library Services webpage.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

- School Choice Fair – Saturday, December 7, 2019 at YMHS.
- Peter Sieh and MLK students visited and spent a very productive day at YPL Tech Central.

Next Meeting: TBA

Motion to Adjourn: Approved

Minutes: Respectfully submitted, Marcy Duncanson