

**MINUTES OF
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 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, Carol Westphal, Susan Thaler, Karen Loia, Peter Sieh, Ed Falcone, Marcy Duncanson, Don Solimene, Ghada Salim and Gina Bell, *ex officio*;

Excused: Alice Malek, Linda DeSimone, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Angelo Petrino, and Steve Mazzola.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting approved with corrections.

REPORTS:

Membership: (Carol Westphal)

- Elaine Shine, Executive Director of School Improvement, and Lisa Carney, Principal of St. Anthony, resigned from the YCSLS Council. We thank them for their service.
- Edward Falcone, Director of Yonkers Public Library will be retiring in December.
- Linda DeSimone & Alice Malek Council terms expire this month. Carol Westphal Membership Chairperson, nominated them for an additional term. Motion to nominate them to another term was accepted and approved.
- Steve Mazzola, Principal of Saunders High School, Don Solimene, Principal of Riverside High School and Ghada Salim, Assistant Principal Middle/High School at Andalusia School (Nonpublic Representative) were nominated and unanimously approved to the Council.

Professional Development: (Upcoming)

- Follett User's Group - September 17, 2019 - Riverside High School Library 3:30-5:30.
- Yonkers Public Library eBooks - September 25, 2019 - Crestwood Library 3:30-5:30.
- Sum Dog Electronic Math Program Training - TBA - LMS will partner with building Math Teachers.
- Superintendent's Conference Day - November 5, 2019 will be on AASL National School Library Standards. Training will be a full day at SW BOCES.

Professional Development given 2019-2020:

- Library Services Databases for PK-6 Teachers
- Library Services Databases for 7-12 Teachers
- Intro to Library Services Databases & eBooks for New Teachers

Yonkers Public Library Report: (Ed Falcone)

- No Summer Reading Statistics yet. Evaluations will be given at next meeting.
- Susan Thaler reported Summer Reading Interlibrary Book Returns are underway.

Library Services Report: (Gina Bell)

- Gina Bell reviewed the 2018-2019 NYS Library Annual Report summarizing accomplishments and budgets. A motion was made and the 2018-2019 NYS School Library Annual Report was approved.
- The Annual Patron Survey results were distributed and reviewed. The numbers show an increase in participation. We will focus on eBook circulation.
- Yonkers Public Library Student Card Drive began in all public schools.
- School librarians have been asked to begin preparing a list of supplies and books needed for their schools to library services.
- Superintendent's Goals 2019-2020 were reviewed and will remain the same.
- The 2019-2020 NOVEL NY list was reviewed.

Website: (Don DeMatteo)

- Don DeMatteo discussed survey results in detail. High marks were given on survey. It was discussed that we will clean up the User Survey and update questions.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Next Meeting: October 24, 2019, November 20, 2019 SHS, Room 201

Motion to Adjourn: Approved

Minutes: Respectfully submitted, Marcy Duncanson