

**Minutes of  
Yonkers City School Library System Council Meeting  
February 4, 2021**

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom and was called to order by Jim Riley, Council President.

**Council Members Present:** Jim Riley (President), Karen Loia, Peter Sieh, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Carol Westphal, Jesse Montero, Z. Baird, and Tracey Wong, *ex.officio*.

**Excused:** Steve Mazzola, Don Solimene, Don DeMatteo, and Angelo Petrino.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Reports:**

**Membership: (Carol Westphal)**

- Carol updated the membership list and sent the current list to Tracey Wong and Jim Riley.

**Professional Development Completed:**

- Librarians continue to attend Benchmark Training.
- Jim Riley attended Future of Educational Technology Conference. Virtually Jim attended two sessions: iCloth and Overdrive.
- Carol Westphal attended three Follett webinars. Topics were Managing the Inventory Process, The Nuts and Bolts of Interlibrary Loan, and Building Custom Reports using Report Builder.
- Nicholas Dolce facilitated a workshop on Whiteboard.fi for all librarians.

**Professional Development Upcoming:**

- February 10, 2021 – Microsoft Breakout Rooms – Tim Montalvo.
- February 10, 2021 – 3D Design with Google SketchUp – Nasser Ibrahim.
- February 24, 2021 – Teaching Books – Crystal Ballard and Kym Davick.
- March 3, 2021 – OneNote– Dean Saghafi-Ezaz.
- March 3, 2021 – PPT Live and Polls – Tim Montalvo.
- March 10, 2021- Minecraft – Nicole Pinto-Creazzo.
- March 15, 2021 – Learning Cricut – Mike Wszolek.
- March 16, 2021- Copyright Protection and Infringement – Nicole Taylor-Wernham.
- March 24, 2021- Genial.ly – Tim Montalvo.

**Yonkers Public Library Report:** (Jesse Montero and Z. Baird)

- Jesse Montero reported has part of their capital project the YPL will refresh their summer reading collections for summer reading 2021.
- YPL hosted Winter Reading Resolution. Details are posted on the YPL website.
- Check out the YPL website for upcoming activities and events. YPS will continue to share this information with the school community.
- Two teachers at School 15 and Z collaborated through Zoom to bring library programs to the students in their classes. The lessons involved art, poetry, interactive storytime, and writing.
- All YPL branches are willing to collaborate with the LMS. Karen Loia is working with the PTA and Z to expose students and their families to library resources available at school and the YPL.

### **Library Services Report:**

- Tracey Wong has written the following grants: Peggy Baker, AASL Equity Grant, two applications for the Laura Bush Foundation Grant, National Geographic Covid Grant, NYSCATE Technology Grant, Snapdragon Book Grant, Ozobot Grant, NYS LTG Grant, and State Farm Project Grant. Through the State Farm Grant Tracey received a 3D printer for Saunders High School.
- After Karen Loia presented Creating, a Bitmoji Virtual Library all LMS have created their own Bitmoji and posted it on their Schoolwires Library and/or teacher pages.
- On February 3, 2021, all LMS attended our Annual Follett Destiny Webinar on Zoom. Katrina Conte and Kim Hering shared Destiny Updates, Tips, and Tricks. They answered our questions.
- Book Orders are scheduled for approval at the February Yonkers Board of Education meeting.
- YCSLS Five Year Plan of Service needs to be updated and submitted to NYSDE before March 31, 2021. We need to develop a new mission statement to reflect the services we provide. Tracey, Jim and Carol met several times on TEAMS to discuss and fill-in the Library Plan for 2021-2026. Jim presented the YCSLS Five Year Plan on March 24, 2021, to the YCSLS Council Members for approval. The Library Council unanimously approved the YCSLS Five Year Plan. Tracey will submit the plan to NYS Department of Education for approval.

### **Website:**

- The free typing resources are unavailable on the Library Services page, due to the district not updating this page; however, students can access typing.com on their Clever homepage.
- All requests to add resources to the District Clever Page would go to Dawn Bartz, Director of Instructional Technology.

### **Old Business:**

- Students need to resign-up for READSquared even if they had a previous account. They can join the YPL READSquared Winter Challenge. The program flyer is available online at YPL.

### **New Business:**

- No school librarians applied for the Laura Bush Foundation Grant this cycle.
- Nicole Taylor – Wernham received a Donors Choose grant for a printer for the Dodson Library.
- Karen Loia received a Donors Choose grant for two iPads and two cases for the Read2B program at Palisade Prep School. Karen will customize the covers and the two iPads will be awarded to two students.
- Jim Riley received a Donors Choose grant for a 3Doodler EDU Learning Pack, which includes six 3D pens and a plastic kit with 600 strands for the Roosevelt Library.
- Carol Westphal received a Donors Choose grant for a 3Doodler EDU Learning Pack, which includes six 3D pens and a plastic kit with 600 strands for the Yonkers Montessori Academy Library.

**Announcements:** This November AASL will host its Annual Conference in Salt Lake City. Tracey proposed to the LMS to submit several requests to Donors Choose for funding to attend this conference.

**Next Meeting:** TBA

**Motion to Adjourn:** Approved

**Minutes:** Respectfully submitted, Carol Westphal