

**MINUTES OF  
YONKERS CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING  
October 22, 2020**

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

**Council Members Present:** Jim Riley (President), Don DeMatteo, Carol Westphal, Karen Loia, Nicole Taylor-Wernham and Peter Sieh.

**Excused:** Don Solimene, Steve Mazzola, Angelo Petrino, Susan Thaler and Ghada Salim.

**Guests:** Andrea Coddett, Jesse Montero and Z Baird

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting were approved on August 3, 2020.

**Reports:**

**Membership:** (Carol Westphal)

- Alice Malek, Linda DeSimone, and Marcy Duncanson have resigned from the YCSLS Council. We thank them for their service.
- Don DeMatteo, Angelo Petrino, Jim Riley, Karen Loia, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Peter Sieh, and Carol Westphal's Council terms expired last month. Carol Westphal Membership Chairperson, nominated them for an additional term. Motion to nominate them to another term was accepted and approved.
- Our guests Jesse Montero, Director of the Riverfront Public Library and Z Baird, Branch Manager of the Crestwood Library were nominated by Carol Westphal to join and were unanimously approved to the Council.

**Professional Development:**

- July 2020 – Carol Westphal conducted a District Parent Workshop (eBooks on the Clever Portal).
- July 2020 – Carol Westphal conducted a workshop for Secondary Summer School Teachers (eBooks on the Clever Portal and YPL).
- September 2020 – Carol Westphal led Microsoft Teams PD for the Assisting Adults at YMA.
- October 2020 – Peter Sieh and Carol Westphal attended Benchmark Training.
- Jim Riley- has facilitated eBook training for students and staff in both his schools.
- Nicole Taylor-Wernham has conducted eBook training for students.
- Karen Loia conducted a workshop for teachers in which she covered: Clever, Library Apps, Discovery Education, Hoopla and Freading.
- Karen Loia is promoting the Read 2B literacy and reading initiative at Palisade Prep.
- Carol Westphal will facilitate three Parent Workshops on eBooks at YMA on Flex Wednesdays.

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

- YPL coordinated with YPS to offer READsquared as part of the Summer Reading program. Z and Eileen Fusco conducted workshops for teachers, parents, and students throughout the month of June. Tutorials were also available on the YPL homepage. The program was well received and very successful, as it reached many students and parents.
- YPL is creating a new card for Yonkers educators. This card will allow them to access eBooks and online learning resources that require a login.

**Library Services Report:** (Jim Riley)

- Jim Riley reviewed the 2019-2020 NYS Library Annual Report summarizing programs and accomplishments. A motion was made and the Annual Report was approved.

**Website:** (Don DeMatteo):

- Don DeMatteo proposed that we address the welcome message on the district library webpage at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Dr. Coddett shared social, emotional learning book lists by theme and grade level.
- YPS Librarians will look at books with social/emotional theme to create a culturally diverse collection relevant to our student population.
- Z shared that YP Librarians can provide a list of books available in the YPL collection.

**Announcements:** None

**Next Meeting:** December 3, 2020

**Motion to Adjourn:** Approved

**Minutes:** Respectfully submitted, Nicole Taylor-Wernham