

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Education and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020**

Attendance

Riel Peerbooms, Committee Chair	Beverly Newsome - CB9 Committee Member
Dr. Mamzelle Adolphine- Comm. Resident Member	Jennifer Gilbert- Comm. Resident Member (Absent)
Nicolas Almonor - CB9 Board Member	Juanita Randolph - Comm. Resident Member (Absent)
Naomy M. Baptiste – Comm. Resident Member/CEC17	Dexter Roberts - CB9 Committee Member
Demetria Farrow- Comm. Resident Member	Lorianne Wolseley - CB9 Committee Member
Melanie Lewis - CB9 Committee Member	Naila Rosario – Brooklyn Public Library

Housekeeping

- Name conventions
- Guests and introduction
- Minutes from prior meeting (Vote to approve - move to December meeting)
- Taking minutes in December: Melanie
- Taking minutes in January: Lorianne

Chairperson Report

- Pending School closures
- Enrollment report - enrollment in schools is dropping
- Permitting issue in the news - local officials will continue to pursue this
- Calendar items
- Budget pressures might create further lack of access in after school

Open Action Items

- Review prior list - will be discussed in 4.
- Needs assessment - Riel and Beverly still have to produce

Discussion Items:

- Decision making process and committee protocol - not discussed
- Perhaps defer to specialties - have specific people take care of specific items - appoint people for specific tasks.
- Appoint subcommittees for projects

Project: Bookfair

- Book donations - 400 books k-12, literacy pins and bookmarks as well

- Use school buildings for distribution
- Use local shelters - there is a shelter on Rogers/Crown
- Use Camba?
- Perhaps create a Holiday event
- Multiple distribution points -perhaps like a Community table
- Work with local schools

Project: Social Media

- To be discussed further - how will we spread the word
- Can we have our own IG channel?
- What projects and timeline are we committing to?

Projects:

- November: Needs Assessment (Riel, Beverly)
- December - Book giveaway (Demetria, Mr. Roberts)
- FEB (Tent.) - TBD- SHAT info session - info sessions on the existence of the schools and the process (Melanie, Nick, Beverly)
- APRIL - Spelling Bee (Beverly, Mr. Roberts Demetria, Lorianne, Riel)
- Other projects - TBD

Subcommittees:

- Subcommittee: Social Media and Outreach - Mr. Roberts

Topics: (committee members take on topics to stay informed on)

- CEC17 – Riel
- After School – Riel
- Library (Demetria, Mr. Roberts, Lorianne)
- Youth and Education Liaison- TBD
- Richardson Liaison committee -TBD
- CB8 liaison - Riel

Public comment

Naila Rosario - works with all community boards, and gov. relations for all library locations. Locations are still closed, but grab and go is available. Masks are required for all. No fines. Hold pick-ups and returns. Bins will be available. Maple Street library and Central are the libraries in CB9. Library is also distributing masks and distributes info on testing, free testing sites, emergency food relief. Will pivot to culturally responsive outreach about vaccines. Financial coaching by appointment. Info available at CB9.

Library can support initiatives, gift packets for spelling bee, or extra bookmarks. Contact: nrosario@bklynlibrary.or

Prep Report to the Executive Board/Full Board

- Nothing to report

Mr. Roberts

- Spend time thinking through long term and short terms.
- Chair noted we did not finish conversation about the mission statement - will add to next meeting.

Tasks:

ITEM	WHO	DUE DATE
Consider Mission Statement	All	Before next meeting
Look at topics - what do you want to specialize in? Other topics to add?	ALL	By next meeting
Look at PROJECTS - what do you want to participate in? Other project ideas to add?	ALL	By next meeting
Planning for Holiday book giveaway?	(Demetria, Mr. Roberts)	Present plan draft at next meeting
Needs assessment	Beverly/Riel	Present draft at next meeting

Adjournment 9.05pm

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