

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Education and Library Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2022
Webex Meeting ID: 2335 610 8581

Attendance (Board Members): Melanie Lewis; Beverly Newsome; Dexter Roberts

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Soul Creary; Maureen Ferry; Pamela Payne,

Absent (Board Members): Riel Peerbooms, Jenelle Bazil-Charles

Absent (Community Resident Members):

Guests: Josephine Ebbens, Janelle Welch, Alanna Lauter, Lorenzo Aumaro, Dan Hemmendinger; Rachel Hutt (i-mentor)

Agency Representatives: Jomo Blackman, NYC DDC; Naila Rosario, Brooklyn Public Library;

CB9 Staff: Khalild Nixon, Community Assistant

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- I. Committee Chair Melanie Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
 - II. Review of January 2022 Committee Minutes
 - III. Committee Chair Report/Announcements:
 - a. I-mentor
 - b. Congressional Black Caucus has scholarships available:
 - i. CBC Spouses education scholarships. African American students in CBC districts. CBCfinc.academicworks.com
 - c. Earth Day: Day of Action, April 22nd
 - i. 9-1 in different locations throughout the district
 - d. Spring Community Fair:
 - i. May 24th
 - IV. Committee Treasurer Report: no report today.
 - V. Brooklyn Public Library update
 - a. Began resuming in-person programming and visits in 2021.
 - i. 137,007 visits, 352,203 items checked out, 2023 programs
 - b. Capital needs:
 - i. \$3.5M in emergency capital improvements
 - c. Central Library underwent major renovations (all 3 libraries are undergoing major renovations)
 - d. Eastern Parkway Library Update from Josephine, Library Supervisor.
 - i. As of this week, they started indoor programming.

- ii. Virtual programming wasn't working for some folks, especially older folks.
 - iii. Still getting situated as they open all rooms.
 - iv. They have impromptu programs for kids (board games).
 - v. Most successful programs are grab-and-go. DIY materials can come and grab DIY materials to make things at home.
 - vi. One important program is story time (virtual). Also partner with Police athletic league.
 - e. Crown Heights Library, Janelle Welch, Branch Manager
 - i. Glad to have the public back in the building
 - ii. They do weekly grab-n-go programming
 - iii. Starting this week, they are re-opening doors/meeting rooms.
 - iv. In-house computer classes.
 - v. Teen tech programming.
 - vi. Starting painting: adults and teens. First painting program.
 - vii. 4/26: community engagement
 - f. Allied Works Architecture, Lourenzo Amaro
 - i. Eastern Parkway Library will undergo a major renovation
 - ii. Looking to do major renovations.
 - iii. A whole new expansion will be built- including a third floor in the back and programming to a lower level. New areas include children's zone. They will also cut back the second-floor slab to bring back the original design of large windows and high ceiling.
 - g. School Service:
 - i. Class visits come on a regular interval to check-out books.
 - ii. Library tours
 - iii. Central: Brooklyn Connections: Schools and teachers. Includes library cards.
 - iv. Educators + teachers have special privileges- look online.
- VI.** I-mentor updates:
- a. Works with first gen college students to support them in meeting their full potential.
 - b. Meets once in person per month and once per week
 - c. Students take an I-mentor class.
 - d. Looking to recruit 1500 mentors.
- VII.** Acknowledgment of Guests
- a. BK Library
- VIII.** Open Action Items
- a. Project 1: Book Giveaway
 - i. Vote.
 - 1. Try to do on a different day.
 - 2. Combine with Jackie Robinson Event
 - 3. Use Spring Fair date June 4, 2022
 - 4. VOTE: 50/50, give out books at both events
 - b. Project 2: Subcommittee for School Support
 - i. Beverly- DJs have gone back in-person

- ii. Support schools- maybe we can get together and talk about it.
 - iii. People: Soul, Beverly, Jenelle.
 - c. Project 3: Jackie Robinson Day
 - i. Saturday, April 30th, 12-4 pm
 - ii. Will be sending out registration via a survey
 - iii. Prepare for ~103 ppl for Jackie Robinson's 103rd birthday
 - iv. Flow of the day: intentional vendors throughout
 - v. Flyer the neighborhood
 - d. Calendar items for April, May, June
- IX.** New Business
- X.** Public Comment Section
- XI.** Prep Report to Exec/Full Board

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Submitted by Maureen Ferry