

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

February 8, 2022
Meeting ID: 813 5831 4505

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

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Soul Creary; Jenelle Bazil-Charles; Maureen Ferry; Pamela Payne

Absent (Board Members): Riel Peerbooms

Absent (Community Resident Members): Dora Anderson; Demetria Farrow; Heather Paul

Guests: Sabrina J. Lewis, Community Resident

CB9 Staff: Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager

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- I.** Committee Chair Melanie Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
 - II.** Review of January 2022 Committee Minutes
 - III.** Committee Chair Report
 - a.** The Committee Chair was able to connect with CEC17 , with a representative in attendance at the January meeting. A map of the area covered by CEC 17 was sent to the committee for review.
 - b.** The Committee was able to connect with District 17. They have an online presence (Facebook and Instagram), that the committee and members of the public can follow for upcoming events and community information. A State of the District meeting was held in January. An invitation has been extended to the Superintendent for the March 2022 committee meeting. Please prepare inquiries.
 - c.** NYC DOE Grades K-12 just received a recent report cards and updated schedules
 - d.** CUNY has started their Spring term
 - e.** Acknowledgment of the transitioning of Ms. Judy Lewis – Member of the first graduating class of Middle School 61; Graduated from Prospect Heights High School; Attended Baruch College as one of the first to attend under the SEEK program. Served on the Parent Advisory committee for CEC17. Advocated for the children of the Jackie Robinson school by advocating for equitable access to the building.
 - IV.** Acknowledgment of Guests
 - a.** None present
 - V.** Open Action Items
 - a.** Committee Officers

- i. Lack of committee officers lead to the inability to delegate tasks in the absence of the Chair
- ii. Committee Officers Elected
 - 1. Soul Creary installed as Vice-Chair
 - 2. Maureen Ferry installed as Secretary
 - 3. Jenelle Bazil-Charles installed as Treasurer

VI. Sub-Committees

- a. Book Giveaway**
 - i. Led by Demetria Farrow, who has maintained a partnership with the sponsor for the books. Ms. Farrow has been ill and unable to attend committee meetings
 - ii. New date for the event needed; Perhaps a part of a larger CB9 community event in the Spring
- b. Spelling Bee**
 - i. Committee disbanded
 - ii. “New Event” sub-committee to be formed to support education institutions: Beverly Newsome, Soul Creary; Jenelle Bazil-Charles
- c. Jackie Robinson Day**
 - i. Aims to collaborate with JR Foundation
 - ii. Collaborate with exceed Charter School on JR Day
 - iii. Moving event due to Good Friday religious observance (week before, or after)
 - iv. Acquire space permit
- d. Calendar Items**
 - i. District17 Superintendent to join committee for Women’s History Month
 - ii. Panel discussion with aforementioned and MEC New President
 - iii. Inviting special guests per themed months – May, Teacher’s Appreciation Month; June – Student Appreciation/Support

VII. New Business

- a. Brooking University – Community conversation on public education with families (March 2022)**
- b. Public School Funding and Needs (March 2022)**

VIII. Public Comment Section

- a. Maureen Ferry – April 12th virtual panel on mental health; seeking experts in mental health in children to participate; collaboration with committee/board in recommendations and support**

IX. Prep Report to Exec/Full Board

- a. Invite to D17 Supt. And MEC President to March 2022 ELC committee meeting**
- b. Spelling Bee; Jackie Robinson Day; Exceed Charter School Mental Awareness Collaboration Initiatives**
- c. Committee Officers installed**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Submitted by Khalid Nixon