



Decennial Committee Meeting
Jeanette Spillman Westhoff Story Room B, Main Library
Main Library, 700 N. North Ct., Palatine IL
March 19, 2024, 7:00 pm

Minutes

1. Call to order

Committee Chair Brauer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll call/Trustee requests to attend meeting via electronic means

Upon roll call, Trustees Brauer, Boland, DeRosa, Jefferson, Puklin, and Westhoff, Executive Director Jeannie Dilger, Assistant Director Melissa Gardner, and community member Tracie Padal were present.

3. Introduction of visitors

Visitors introduced were Community Consolidated School District 15 Superintendent Dr. Laurie Heinz, Township High School District 211 Superintendent Dr. Lisa Small, Finance Manager Mary Myers, Youth & Teen Services Manager Kathy Burns, Finance Associate Karla Nora, and member Veronica True.

Trustee Snyder joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. New Business

Executive Director Dilger gave an overview of the Library's three-year strategic plan and discussed the goal of integrating with other government and community agencies.

- a. Discussion of service to the community with guests Dr. Laurie Heinz, Community Consolidated School District 15, and Dr. Lisa Small, Township High School District 211

Community Consolidated School District 15 Superintendent Dr. Laurie Heinz reported that the district had a successful referendum in November, and they are focusing on repairing and restoring several facilities. The summer break has been extended 3 weeks to renovate 14 of their 20 school buildings which includes interior repairs (HVAC, ADA), updated learning spaces, library renovations, accommodations for full day Kindergarten, and transitioning four middle schools to include 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Other goals include student success and belonging, staff engagement and retention, and sustaining community/family engagement. Dr. Heinz expressed interest in working with the Library to help with summer programming and food assistance during the three-week summer extension and is interested in a book mobile to target areas of need.

Township High School District 211 Superintendent Dr. Lisa Small discussed the District's strategic plan goals which included: academic achievement, including subject areas of culinary arts, autos, nursing assistants, and manufacturing; dual class credit with Harper College; wellness of students/crisis support; and keeping facilities updated. The District is short on staff and bus drivers, and provides internships for students who want to be educators. Dr. Small appreciated the Library in accepting student volunteers for the Harper College Promise program, supporting diverse students, and offering a safe space for student connections.

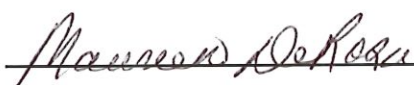
Library staff and guests discussed using student volunteers for language needs at the library, expanding the Rand Road branch space to accommodate more members, a bookmobile in areas of community need, and summer programs during the extended three weeks of summer break.

6. Adjournment

Committee Chair Brauer adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approved on: 4/16/24


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