

DEARBORN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2018
APPROVED

- ATTENDEES:
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| ➤ Chairperson Marcel Pultorak | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Vice Chairperson Dr. Ryan Lazar | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Secretary/Treasurer Jihan Jawad | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Barth Bucciarelli | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Ali Dagher | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Michelle Jawad | ➤ Excused |
| ➤ Commissioner Arrwa Mogalli | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner David Schlaff | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Nancy Zakar | ➤ Present |
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| ➤ Library Director Maryanne Bartles | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Deputy Director Julie Schaefer | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Administrative Librarian Steven Smith | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Department Technician Daniel Smith | ➤ Present |

Due to an expected high public turnout, the meeting was relocated to the Henry Ford Centennial Library auditorium.

Dearborn residents Mariam Amin, Fayrouz Bazzi, David Boettger James Burns, Nofila Haidar, Fatme Hochem, Jonathan Kade, Grace Obermiller, Douglas Stokes, and David Tran gave statements before the Commission regarding the parental supervision policy for finals study time.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission Chairperson Marcel Pultorak called the meeting to order at 4:01pm. He announced a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2017 Library Commission meeting.

- Motion to approve made by Commissioner David Schlaff, second by Commissioner Ali Dagher. The motion carried.

Dearborn High School student Mariam Amin created a petition online for the Commission to reconsider a policy for finals that states that children under 18-years-old must be supervised by a parent. She acquired over 500 signatures.

Chairperson Pultorak opened the floor for discussion. Director Maryanne Bartles presented a series of events and incidents that lead to the Commission enacting

compulsory parental supervision. Bartles said she had reached out to Dearborn Public Schools and PTA groups several times with limited success, and was unable to get any community input before presenting the guidelines to the Commission.

Some citizens spoke favorably of the policy. They reasoned that trouble students had created an unwelcoming environment during finals. Others found the policy exclusionary, and argued that students as a whole shouldn't be punished for the actions of a few.

Vice Chair Ryan Lazar reported that he had conferred with DPS Superintendent Glen Maleyko on the issue. He proposed to amend the policy so that students may enter if a parent or guardian accompanies the student(s) and signs a permission slip agreeing that if the student(s) violates the Library Code of Conduct, the parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student(s). A copy of school ID and the parent/guardian ID will be retained.

- Motion to approve made by Commissioner Ali Dagher, supported by Secretary/Treasurer Jihan Jawad, and Commissioners Schlaff and Nancy Zakar. The motion carried.

II BUDGET

The FY2019 budget has been submitted to the Finance Department. There is nothing new to report at this time.

III FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Foundation is still accepting donations from their winter 2017 mailing campaign; they have totaled nearly \$15K to date.

The 2018 essay contest will be for DPS elementary school teachers. Three \$1,000 prizes are being offered to winners. The contest is being publicized online.

IV INFORMATION ITEMS

A. LSTA Remote Locker - update

The locker has been received and installed in the computer lab at Salina School. It will be operational mid-January. Library staff will hold a ribbon cutting once the design has been applied to the locker.

B. Strategic plan progress

Eric Craymer of Growth Management Consulting will meet with the commissioners for a focus group before the February 9 meeting, at 3:00pm.

C. Annual Report 2016/2017

Director Bartles identified a typo made in the Annual Report. She will correct it and follow up with the commissioners.

V ACTION ITEMS

A. Library security camera policy

Item tabled until a legal review is complete.

VI COMMENTS

Deputy Director Julie Schaefer distributed the annual Top Ten list for 2017.

The Library has announced their goal to log 500K checkouts for the year. There were 475K total checkouts in 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33pm