

**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the “Board”) was called to order at 5:03 PM on January 16, 2024 by Jim Rusk, President. The meeting was held in person at the Bellevue Regional Library with an option for hybrid attendance via Zoom.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson (remote), Sam Fetchero (remote), Gunjan Murarka (remote), Kat Pipkin (remote), Sarah Rock, Jim Rusk, and Imran Siddique joined at 5:12 PM (remote)

Board Members Absent: NONE

KCLS Representative(s): David Frappier

Friends of the Bellevue Library: NONE

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

Guests: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes for November 21, 2023 were approved as written.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. There was one guest speaker named Sienna (senior in HS) who joined via Zoom to observe for a school project. She shared that she thinks young people her age don't necessarily know what services the library provides.
2. Dave Hamilton is the new Bellevue City Councilmember liaison to the B-LAB replacing Councilmember Lee. Councilmember Hamilton was formerly a member of the Parks Board for six years. He encourages members to reach out with any feedback dhamilton@bellevuewa.gov.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: 2024 Goals for Bellevue Library Advisory Board

The board discussed potential goals. The discussion centered around three main items:

1. Periodic reports to City Council. The last report to City Council was given in 2019. Board members asked if John Sheller provides a similar report. David Frappier shared that Mr. Sheller provides periodic but not regular presentations to city councils in King County. Councilmember Hamilton suggested that for the report, we should share what we think is important not necessarily what we think Council wants to hear.

Kim Anderson left during this agenda item at 5:25 PM

2. Outreach and engagement. Board member Kat Pipkin suggested that members work on this as individual goals. Board member Gunjan Murarka shared that the board used to participate in individual events before the pandemic.
3. Work with the teen volunteer council. David Frappier indicated that this group meets virtually in the afternoons. The volunteer council was a big part of the 2023 summer reading program success. They created programs that were well attended.
4. David Frappier suggested that the board consider a goal related to the Bellevue Diversity Advantage Plan (BDAN). He said that the City is preparing for the 10 year update. This would be a good opportunity for BLAB to review and participate in the process.
Board President Rusk suggested that we form workgroups for each goal.
 - Periodic Report – Kim Anderson and Jim Rusk
 - Work with volunteer council – Kat Pipkin and Sarah Rock
 - Bellevue Diversity Advantage Plan – tbd

Sam Fetchero left before reports at 5:46 PM.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

Susan Peterson was absent but sent a note to President Rusk indicating that sales at the corner bookshop have been brisk.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association

Kim Anderson was absent at this point. David Frappier shared that the Association sponsored a speed-puzzle event in December that was very successful.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

David Frappier shared that Bellevue libraries were not impacted by the recent weather events. The Makerspace took a break in December and has returned to high demand. He is working to hire the new Library and Information Services Manager for the Bellevue region to replace Kirsten.

The Bellevue Library is working with the City to host a newly acquired art piece “Emerging Radiance” that was originally commissioned by Meta. It is a tiny farmhouse that measures 8 ft by 8 ft by 13 ft tall. It is an immersive augmented reality piece that tells the story of Japanese American Bellevue residents that were sent to internment camps.

KCLS received a grant from the Mellon foundation to host memory labs to collect stories from the community in conjunction with StoryCorps. The grant will last for five years.

Board Member Kat Pipkin asked if the library served as a warming center. Yes, KCLS buildings are designated warming centers. Bellevue Library is partnering with the One Night Count this year. It will be more qualitative than quantitative this time. It will take place later this month. David will send out information to the board.

KCLS Board of Trustees next board meeting is January 31.

NEW BUSINESS

- Gunjan requested regular updates of the stats for the Lakeview Region (Bellevue Library, Crossroads Library, Lake Hills Library, Newport Way Library).
- David asked if the board would be interested in a presentation from the programming team about how they are evaluating programs.
- *Imran Siddique dropped at 6:01PM*
- Item for next meeting is to discuss the meeting location rotation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

UPCOMING: The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2024 at Bellevue Regional Library at 5:00 PM. The meeting agenda will be distributed before the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock

Approved at the February 20, 2024 board meeting.