

Rock Island Public Library Board
Community & Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 29, 2024 at 11:30am
Rock Island Public Library – Downtown, 2nd Floor
401 19th Street, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Type of Meeting: Board Community & Planning Committee

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh

I. The meeting was called to order at 11:32am.

II. Attendance: Jenni Swanson, Jo Noon, Elizabeth Russell, Dr. Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh, Angela Campbell, Lisa Lockheart, Kayla Steffen

Absent: Aleatha Quarles, Michele Sharp

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Old Business

Strategic Planning

- Review – Mission, Vision, Values
- Review – Goal statements

Director Campbell shared that the existing goals remained the same, but one was added: sustainability.

- Discuss – Service priorities

The committee discussed the service priorities for the library. The following priorities were highlighted:

- Mental Health (goal: equitable)
- Tech/digital literacy (goal: equitable)
- Building upgrades (goal: sustainable)
- Public work rooms (goal: relevant)
- More efficient marketing methods for programs; ex: text reminders (goal: engaged)
- Digital signage (goal: relevant)
- Improve literacy and increase school partnerships (goal: transformative)

Dr. Grandberry-Pugh shared that <20% of students on the Illinois side of the Quad Cities are reading at their grade level. The committee discussed ways in which the library and the schools could work together to improve literacy and increase awareness of the library.

- Brainstorming
 - o Objectives and tasks for each goal
 - o Review staff-submitted items

V. New Business

- Finalizing plan
- Design

The committee prefers a whimsical design for the strategic plan.

VI. Other Business: None.

VII. Closed Session: None.

VIII. Information Sharing

IX. Announcements

The new Youth Services Librarian, James Stratton, has created an after-school program for kids on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30pm.

X. Adjournment

Trustee Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32pm. Trustee Freiburg seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Steffen
Business & Facilities Director