

Agenda
Brownell Library Strategic Planning Committee
Monday, September 16, 2019
Kolvoord Room, Brownell Library
12:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Present: Sheila Porter, Christine Packard, Alex Carmical, Lorna Swerhone, Beth Custer, Hannah Tracy, Megan Allison, Andy Kolovos, Wendy Hysko

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 12:09

2. Changes and deletion to agenda

No changes or deletions

3. Minutes of last meeting

Sheila moved to accept minutes as written. Beth seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Review of survey results

Megan talked about the Voices for Education forums around equity and diversity and their outcomes. Library has role in supporting equity and diversity efforts. Discussion of diversity and equity in Vermont and its impact on library services ensued.

Hannah shared survey results. Based on paper and digital responses, top priorities are traditional borrowing, followed by programs for children. Literary and community events, hosting events and programs also ranked. Committee members held a discussion on technology usage by patrons, and this discussion established the importance of these services despite their not necessarily being reflected in the survey results. Committee members discussed the importance of “community connections.” Staff discussed activities around working with younger patrons, including approaches to managing misbehavior.

5. Plans for our meeting on Saturday, September 21

Christine requested that all committee members arrive at Saturday meeting with 4 or 5 service responses and goals.

Wendy has requested we think about the Brownell mission statement and ponder ways to create a condensed version of it.

Andy requested that staff compile a list of services used most often by New Americans.

6. Adjourn

Andy moved to adjourn, Sheila seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm