

## **Literacy Project Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 18, 2026

**Time:** 7:08 PM – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

### **Attendees**

Nakisha Chaney, Matthew Coats, Miranda Hill, Jason White

## **1. Book Distribution Initiative**

### **Discussion**

- Reviewed plans for upcoming book distribution events throughout Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.
- Jason will compile recommended reading lists from local schools and libraries.
- A small committee will review and finalize book selections.
- Students and families will be able to select books from curated tables at distribution events.

### **Confirmed Events**

- YCS Back-to-School Bash – August 2026 (AKA-led)
- Carpenter School Brighter Day Event – November 13, 2026 (Sigma Gamma Rho-led)
- NPHC Easter Egg Hunt – Spring 2027

### **Action Items**

- Matthew to work with Jason to confirm book availability for Ypsilanti-area distribution.
- Jason White to gather recommended reading lists and book recommendations.

## **2. Kwanzaa Storytelling Event**

### **Discussion**

- Continued planning for a storytelling event during the Kwanzaa season.
- Partnership with the African American Cultural and Historical Museum remains under consideration.
- Deborah Covington had positive feedback for the partnership.

### **Action Items**

- Nakisha to contact Lawrielle West at AACHM regarding participation and scheduling.

### **3. Life Literacy Workshop**

#### **Discussion**

- Follow-up is needed regarding workshop planning and implementation.
- Additional discussion will occur at the next meeting after updates are received.

#### **Action Items**

- Will follow up on workshop status at the next meeting.

### **4. Monthly School Reading Program**

#### **Discussion**

- Established a rotating reading model involving one or two organizations each month.
- Schools will determine which months are available for visits.
- September is not expected to be available due to school start-up activities.
- Testing periods will also be avoided when scheduling visits.
- Omega Psi Phi expressed interest in participating during November as part of Achievement Week.
- Organizations will select their preferred participation months at the next meeting.

#### **Action Items**

- Jason to identify testing windows and unavailable school months.
- All participating organizations are to come prepared with preferred reading months for the upcoming school year.

### **5. Book-to-Movie Club**

#### **Discussion**

- Planning continues for the Book-to-Movie Club initiative.
- Proposed schedule:
  - Middle School Program – Fall 2026
  - High School Program – Winter 2027
- The program will be limited to one club per semester to ensure sustainability.
- Potential collaboration opportunities with additional community organizations were discussed.
- Nakisha to follow up with Colongie

**Next Meeting: Date:** June 25, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 PM