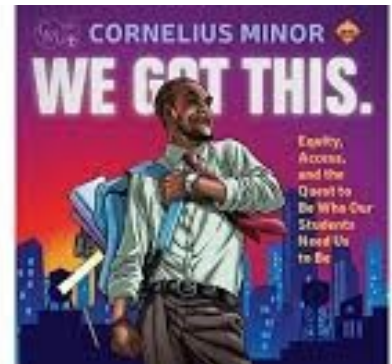


NFRC Professional Book Discussion Group Meeting #2

The first meeting for Year 8 of the NFRC Professional Book Discussion Group took place via Zoom on October 24 from 9am-11am. We represented educators who teach from primary grades through graduate level, librarians, retired educators assisting with virtual learning, and more. We engaged in thoughtful discussion centered on the message and mission set forth in *WE GOT THIS.* by Cornelius Minor. We also shared experiences with virtual and hybrid teaching and learning.



A few reflections from our discussion:

- *Don't expect miracles. Students are the focus.*
- *Minor reminds teachers to key into emotional aspects as well as content.*
- *Key points in Minor's teaching philosophy: Encouragement, togetherness, strength.*
- *Minor's personal stories are highlights and demonstrate the teaching practices and suggestions he offers.*
- *The online resources are terrific; very helpful.*
- *Minor did not envision the virtual teaching and learning situation we are now facing when he wrote his book. Kids are experiencing different, challenging situations. Some have great access. But there is not equal access. Education is better in the classroom. Will Minor address the education climate we find ourselves in due to Covid in his talk?*

The meeting was held in advance of Minor's NYSRA virtual presentation on November 13. This is free to NYSRA members. Register here: <https://www.nysreading.org/page-18083>.

Following up, NFRC members will reconvene on **November 21 from 9am-11am** via Zoom to review and discuss insights gained from Minor's presentation. How can we put his ideas into practice?

Register in advance for the NFRC book discussion **by noon on November 19**

here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwv1fmFWNBedGGw5MSII3dtsezeZ5_UrR1T8eOfE_Q4REYUsw/viewform?gxids=7757.

A link, meeting ID, and passcode will be emailed to all registrants.

CTLE credit will be awarded to all who attend the book discussion meeting. For more information, please visit: <https://www.thenfrc.org/professional-book-discussion-group.html#/>.

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