

Dear NFRC Members,

As we near membership renewal time, I wanted to share with you our exciting plans for **Year 8** of the **Professional Book Discussion Group**, a perk of membership in the NFRC.

This year we plan to begin with our “face-to-face” meetings taking place via Zoom. Our first meeting will be held on **October 24th** from **9am-11am**. We will be discussing **WE GOT THIS: EQUITY, ACCESS, AND THE QUEST TO BE WHO OUR STUDENTS NEED US TO BE** by Cornelius Minor.

Members interested in participating in the book discussion are asked to acquire their own copy of the book this year. Disseminating books as we have done in the past is not feasible due to COVID 19. We suggest these options and encourage shopping small and supporting our local economy:

- **Monkey See Monkey Do Bookstore** is offering free delivery in the Williamsville/Amherst/Clarence/Akron/Lancaster area; \$4 shipping elsewhere. The cost of the book is \$23.00. To order, email Books@monkeysread.com and place **NFRC Professional Book Selection** in the subject line.
- **Barnes & Noble** offers curbside pickup: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/we-got-this-cornelius-minor/1133769973?ean=9780325098142>
- The book is also available from **Heinemann**:
<https://www.heinemann.com/products/e09814.aspx>.

An email regarding the details of joining the Zoom meeting will be sent to members as the date approaches.

The author of the book, Cornelius Minor, will be conducting a webinar sponsored by NYSRA on **November 13th** at **7:30 pm**. It is **FREE TO MEMBERS**. As a member of NFRC, you are also a member of NYSRA. Non-members pay \$40 to attend the webinar. Once you renew your NFRC membership, sign up for the webinar on the NYSRA website to ensure a spot: <https://www.nysreading.org/event-3850174>.
(Space is limited!)

Following the webinar, the PBDG will meet again via Zoom to discuss what we learned from listening to Cornelius/reading his book, and how we might incorporate these insights into our classroom practice. This Zoom meeting will be led by Patty Oliphant and will take place on **November 21st** from **9am-11am**.

In the spring, we plan to resume our online component of the PBDG with reading and discussion of pertinent, timely professional articles. We will provide more details as spring approaches. At that time we may also add additional face-to-face (or Zoom) meetings. Let us know your thoughts and preferences, please.

Participants at meetings, the webinar, and online component of PBDG are eligible to receive CTLE credit.

If you have suggestions, comments, or questions, please contact me at judybradburywrites@gmail.com.

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