

**School Library System  
Western Suffolk BOCES  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 17, 2016  
9:00 a.m. ~ Executive Conference Room 1**

**Minute Recorder:** Dr. Vincent Livoti

**Present:** Jill Adler, Dr. Bea Baaden, Carolyn Burton, Dawn Koziarz, Linda Lennon, Min Liu, Dr. Vincent Livoti, Dr. Catherine Masrour, Mary O'Hara, Sara Kardasz

**Absent:** Elizabeth Aitken, Carol Byrne, Jane Herbst

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Council Meeting convened at 9:08 a.m.

Council moved to vote on adding Mary O'Hara (Babylon Jr/Senior High School) to the Council. Motion approved.

Council welcomed new members Mary O'Hara and Jill Adler (St Anthony's High School).

Sara will continue to consider names for nominations to the Council. It is preferred that the number of Council members be an odd number, rather than an even number.

> A few members suggested names and discussed community librarians (public and institutional). Sara and other members will approach these community librarians to gauge their interest in being a member of the Council.

Bea moved to accept the minutes from our September 23 meeting.

> Council moved to accept the minutes without correction.

Sara reviewed the annual report for the Council. The State has approved the annual report.

Sara discussed and shared the outcome of the *Science Journal Club's* first session at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Library on 11/15/16. Ten of the 13 enrolled students attended.

> The focus was information literacy as it specifically relates to discerning the quality and content of scientific journal articles.

> Students in the Club interacted with a scientist who discussed one of her published scientific articles.

> Sara shared the published articles used by the students with the Council so that they would be aware of the depth of complexity.

> Sara discussed the future staging of the Club's activity and shared the planning document with the Council.

> The Council discussed ways of photo documenting the process.

- > Bea recommended presenting the outcomes of the Club at the NYLA/SSL Conference to be held on Long Island in May, 2018.
- > The Council discussed pathways for publicizing the Club and the students' achievements.

Sara updated the Council about the Professional Circle meetings.

- > Jill discussed her experience with the recent meeting - "Using Social Media".
- > The Council learned about other planned Professional Circle meeting(s).
  - \* DEC 19<sup>th</sup> may be cancelled.
- > The committee discussed professional development for county-area librarians.

The most recent Liaison meeting - Teaching for Diverse Learning Needs - was discussed, and Sara shared the meeting topics as well as the feedback from the participants.

- > Sara shared the flyer for the next Liaison meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> with the Council. "Full School Programs and Celebrations" will include "Intro to Hip Hop X," "Reimagine High School Week," and individual sharing.

Sara discussed the "New Librarians Orientation" and the outcomes of the program.

- > She expressed her intention to continue the orientation program even if only a few are in need of it.

Follett provided lunch and gave a "Lunch and Learn" presentation about enhancements to Follett's Resource Management system.

Sara updated the Council on a "Follett User Group" which explored widgets and dashboard functionality in "Destiny". Follett ebooks and using them in the curriculum was also discussed during the user group meeting.

The third Regional Institute was reviewed. It attracted over 250 participants. Western Suffolk BOCES was well represented as attendees and presenters.

- > Sara offered a variety of statistics and shared the brochure for the Institute with the Council.
- > The Institute had positive feedback from the attendees .
- > Sara discussed preliminary options for the next Institute in the fall of 2017.

Inquiries for "new business" was opened to the Council.

- > Bea mentioned the shift in interlibrary loan policies for requesting journal articles via LILRC outside of the network.
  - \* Members discussed experiences with ILL and NYLA.
  - \* Sara has not received requests for ILL of journal articles.
- > Min Liu stated that a "book repair workshop" was being offered by LILRC.
  - \* Sara mentioned she tried to coordinate a workshop for Western Suffolk BOCES, but she did not meet the threshold of 12 enrollees.
- > There were questions about the progress of the Union Catalog updates.
  - \* Sara explained that there is still limited participation overall.
  - \* The issue will be revisited at the next Liaison meeting on 12/7/16.

> Discussion ensued about the timeline for the School Library System's "Librarian of the Year" and "Administrator of the Year" awards. It was agreed that no updates for the application forms were needed.

\* It was determined that awards will be decided at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting, and that applications will be circulated virtually.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vincent and approved.