

School Library System
Western Suffolk BOCES
Council Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2017
9:00 am – Executive Conference Room 1

Present: Jill Adler, Carolyn Burton, Carol Byrne, Jane Herbst, Dawn Koziarz, Linda Lennon, Dr. Vincent Livoti, Dr. Catherine Masrour, Sara Kardasz

Absent: Elizabeth Aitken, Dr. Bea Baaden, Dr. Matthew Covey, Min Liu, and Mary O’Hara

The meeting convened at 9:10 am. The minutes of our January 23, 2017 meeting were approved with two minor corrections on a motion by Jill, seconded by Linda.

Sara discussed:

- Professional Circles - February 14th: Learning Centers (6 attended) and March 16th: Google Tips & Tricks (5 attended)
- Liaison meeting - March 7th at Smithtown High School West (28 attended). Focus was on MakerSpace and Learning Commons ideas. It was noted that the library tables were on wheels which makes re-configuring tables easy. Cathy stated that she went to Lowes for the wheels and installed them on all the library tables. It was cheaper than purchasing *one* wheeled table.
- Follett Professional Users Group and eBooks - March 27th at Commack MS and October 27, 2016 at Lindenhurst HS. They were each well received. Katrina and Beth are easy to work with. They address questions and walk attendees through processes.
- Professional Learning Committee - April 18th (5 attended): Attendees were helpful with coming up with ideas for next year for both the Liaison meetings and the Professional Circles. The Committee recommended that topics addressed during Liaison meetings should be followed up with Professional Circles on the same topic. This would allow attendees to share how they have used what was learned during the Liaison meeting. Topics to be addressed during Liaison meetings include: ELL’s, Fake News/Media Literacy education, LGBTQs/collection development, and Open Educational Resources/Primary Resources. When posting the Liaison meeting on My Learning Plan, Sara will specify title of PD first, so the advantages of releasing staff to attend will be clear. Professional Circles would cover the Special Ed topic covered this year, ELL’s, Fake News, LGBTQs and BookTalking with Annemarie Jenkins. The suggestion was made that the Liaison meeting on Fake News might meet at the Center for News Literacy at Stony Brook University.
- It’s perceived that Liaison meeting attendees would like vendors to have a separate day for demonstrations so time isn’t taken up at the meetings. Perhaps vendors could be persuaded to provide lunch to those attending as a “Lunch and Learn” session. This will be considered. Or these sessions could be offered after school from 4 - 6 pm.

- Sara would like to see increased attendance for Professional Development. Although districts won't give time when taken during the school day, the State does.
- Two librarians will be retiring from Half Hollow Hills in June: Donna Miceli at HS East and Diane Calise from West Hollow Middle School.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Library: Science Journal Club

- Not every student had a parent able to drive them to the sessions. This transportation concern prevents many high schools from participating.
- Reminder Emails and phone calls were made regarding 2017-18 Club. 4 high schools (5 students each) will be participating.
- There will be 10 sessions next year. It may be difficult for Sara to attend each session. Donna Miceli was broached with the idea and would be amenable to a stipend of \$1000, \$100 per session, this will be further explored.
- An additional concern for schools is the need to have a librarian/teacher attend some of the sessions. They will not be paid by the school for their after-school participation. Sara will look into the idea of paying a stipend to adults who attend the sessions.
- Student evaluations from 2016-17 were positive. Scientists were very relaxed, informal, and approachable. Ludmila Pollock, Executive Director of the Library and Archives, was quite informative.
- Walking Tour of the Lab to kick-off the 2017-18 Club is on May 15th. \$5 per person will be paid from the School Library System budget. Applications for next year will be distributed. Vincent mentioned that participation would look great on college applications especially with the global aspect of the program having scientists from all over the world participating.

Leadership & Information Symposium scheduled for May 23rd:

- To date, 57 have registered
- Ten vendors will be in the main room. Food will be served in a separate room.
- Administrator of the Year and Library Media Specialist of the Year will be presented
- Doug Schmid will be the keynote. He will discuss the new science standards.

Two council members' terms are expiring: Cathy and Dawn. Both agreed to serve another term. On a motion by Jane, seconded by Carolyn, it was so moved to extend their term of office.

This is the last year that WSBOCES will allow the SLS to roll over funds. Sara spent @ \$6500 for six hard-covered, award winning books to be delivered to each elementary school. Next year Sara will target the secondary level. Sara also got about 68 various dictionaries and thesauri, and will put them out at the Liaison meetings next year: "Take One if You Need it!" The SLS also spent \$5000 on 10 Rosen interactive ebooks - CyberSmarts and Teen CyberSmarts. The MARC records were sent to each school.

Sara was able to get permission from Angelique, if needed; to be able to tap into COSER funds to cover costs incurred by the SLS before funding is available from the State.

New regulations coming: being ADA Compliant starting in January 2018. These new regulations will have a huge impact on school websites. Every image will have to have a tag describing what it is. All audio/video must be captioned. Of big concern will be teacher webpages which will also have to be ADA compliant. If a teacher's webpage links to another site, it is possible that the site will also have to be ADA complaint. However, this requirement is not clear. Social media sites are not included in the new regulations, so it is possible that districts may eliminate web sites and migrate instead to social media sites such as Facebook. Everyone sees the need for students with disabilities to have access to the same resources that are available to other students, but the districts/teachers need the tools to implement this.

An ESSA public hearing will be on May 11th at Half Hollow Hills HS. Regents and Commissioner will be present.

Update on the Union Catalog: Carolyn updated her district. OPALS received the data but the indicator tags were missing. Building to building doesn't present a problem, just uploading the whole district at once. Carolyn stated that it's easy to do. Use zip files for large files. Sara mentioned bringing Harry Chan back to discuss the Union catalog again.

Dawn asked if we have a list of which member libraries have a special collection. Sara sent out a survey asking for this information. Some responses were received. The question was also included in this year's end-of-the-year survey. Since we can't rollover funding, maybe we could establish a grant that schools could apply for funding for establishing and expanding on special collections. Obviously, the schools would have to be willing to inter-loan materials. At present, the Cooperative Collection Development committee is comprised of two librarians. It is hoped that we can increase the committee next year. Sara mentioned that other SLS's include books that support the idea of collaborative collection development and sharing. Carolyn suggested including "One Book, One Community" collections. Vincent suggested "kits" that could travel around the districts. Jane mentioned the picture book collection for older readers she had in her library. Although inter-library loan may be less popular with all that is currently available on-line, special collections may be a viable tool for librarians.

Linda attended Sunday's Long Island Reads at LIU Post Hilltop Commons. It was packed and a very productive day and event!

May 20th at the Cradle of Aviation Museum: **SLIME - Students of Long Island Maker Expo**
WHAT'S SLIME? SLIME is an interactive day of making for family and educators from all across Long Island. Hands-on learning activities from recyclables to robotics promote critical

thinking and problem solving skills necessary for our children to participate in the global community. They anticipate over 100 activities, demonstrations, presentations and speakers.

New Business:

- The end-of-the-year survey was sent out via SurveyMonkey on April 26th
- Bids for online resources will be opened May 4th
- 2016-17 State Funding will cover food for the May 23rd Symposium and the Cold Spring Harbor Lab walking tour
- Alice Robinson of the W. Babylon JHS received a grant of \$500 from the American Institute of Archaeology/Long Island Society. She will purchase resources to support the study of archaeology.
- Sara stated that she received her permanent appointment from WSBOCES on March 17th

With no further business to discussed, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Jane.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Byrne
Recording Secretary