

**School Library System  
Western Suffolk BOCES  
Council Meeting  
December 2, 2015**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm ~ Executive Conference Room 1**

**MINUTES**

Council Members: Elizabeth Aitken, Dr. Bea Baaden, Carolyn Burton, Carol Byrne, Jane Herbst, Dawn Koziarz, Linda Lennon, Min Liu, Dr. Vincent Livoti, Cathy Masrour, Tina Mottl, Dr. Alice Robinson

Absent: Dr. Bea Baaden, Carol Byrne

- Arrival and sign in – 9:18 am called to order by Cathy Masrour. Carol Byrne not present. Jane Herbst volunteered to act as recording secretary.
- Welcome -
- Review minutes of October 14, 2015 meeting, make amendments, vote – Linda Lennon motioned to accept as given, Alice Robinson seconded. Accepted unanimously.
- Liaison meeting of 10/29/15 report – SLMPE rubrics given to liaisons. Asked to encourage all SLMS to complete for use in revising the Five-Year Plan for resubmission in 2016. Two vendors were given an opportunity to explain their services, in order to allow SLMS to order from them next year.
- Regional Institute of 11/3/15 report – Very successful. Sara will be in charge of organizing next year's (11/8/16) conference, so ideas for sites are now being sought for larger vendor areas and less cost. Must have wifi access, room for over 200 attendees, breakout rooms, exhibit space on main route, tech support to fix problems, someone to handle issues with rooms or food. Proceeds from last year's conference were used for ebooks. Suggestions were made for how the proceeds from this year's Institute could be used: to establish special collections (housed in member libraries); 3D printer + supplies; projected SmartBoard; subscription to software or site; webcams, scanners, or other hardware; books like Caldecott and Newbery winners; or next year's keynoter's book; glossaries for ESL testing; or something else that would benefit all members.
- Professional Circle - "Book Share" on 11/17/15 report – The Book Share was very popular. Erin Marone's presentation link will be forwarded. An extra book share session could be scheduled for the spring if a facilitator is found.
- New Librarians Orientation on 11/23/15 report – The presentation included information on what SLS offers and the importance of building an advocacy base.
- Webinar with Jeremy Johannesen of NYLA, and SLSA on 11/30/15 was viewed:
  - The NYS regulation that presently exists has no teeth, so the NY proposed change to a law would make it mandatory. There is a feeling that the financial

impact would be detrimental to school districts, but NYLA is asking SLSA Directors to report on actual figures of schools without certified librarians, in order to determine the actual impact.

- The present wording of the bills is not aligned, but A6784 will be amended by Assemblywoman Solage to align with Senator Farley's S3931 wording.
- The law, once passed by both Houses, will bring schools into compliance with population requirements (501-1999 students = 1 FTE + support staff). Waiver provision does exist in bill, but in much stricter terms (proof of shortage area, proof of offering position to a certified SLMS outside of shortage area, only 2 waivers may be given, and if a waiver is given, district has 3 years to comply with fully certified SLMS).
- Bills will be passed by Committees and into finance committees, put on calendar and allowing several days, then put up to Gov. for acceptance or veto. 1. Make sure your administrator knows what you do and what you are giving to your students. 2. Make sure your School Board knows what you do and add to student learning. 3. Make sure your community knows what you do and add to your student learning. 4. Have community go to NYLA Advocacy ([www.nyla.org/advocacy](http://www.nyla.org/advocacy)) and identify school libraries as their interest area (only a couple of emails will be sent during the year for that area, rather than being a flood of emails).
- Other: Since the last Council meeting, Sara participated in these and other activities: WLIW21 Educational Telecommunications Service Committee Meeting, Long Island Technology & Education Summit, LILRC Annual Conference, visits with local school librarians (Lindenhurst, Babylon, West Babylon), Andrew Waters of Learning A-Z, NYSL/SLS Directors Conference Call.
- Partners In Science and Cold Spring Harbor Lab planned on 12/3/15 – Sara will attend with Laura Irace, John Glenn HS, with a biology/science research teacher, and Donna Micelli, HHH East HS, with the Science Department head, to assist in the “brainstorming” session with the Lab Librarian. The partnership will not be competitive, but will be of value to teaching students about science research. (Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University is doing a common language presentation on black holes to Cathy Masrour's HS students.)
- Liaison meeting on 12/8/15 – review of planned program was presented to keep the Council aware of what the liaisons will be learning. The Foundation Center was mentioned as a great source of connecting educational needs with funding/grant sources.
- Min Liu reported that LILRC will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year in April 2016. A “Gala Event” is planned on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets available at \$60. (NOTE: LILRC conference is good for taking a broader look at topics concerning people using libraries. 10% discount on LILRC conference for 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees.)

- Youth Mental Health First Aid on 12/15/15 – Meant for those working with youth 12-18, in order to identify and assess emotional crisis and how to connect students to appropriate care sources. Certification will be provided for the 8-hour session.
- Review informational handouts concerning scheduled dates for meetings and conferences. Please alert Sara if any other dates should be included.
- New business: new WSBOCES website: [www.wsboces.org/instructional-support/school-library-system](http://www.wsboces.org/instructional-support/school-library-system)

A problem was noted in locating the SLS from the opening page of the WSBOCES site. The SLS is not included in the Instructional Support Program box on the opening page. Also none of the SLS dates of activities are included on the WSBOCES calendar on the main page. Once the Instructional Support page is opened, the SLS link is in the left side box. Links are available for both the Union Catalog and the Professional Collection on the SLS page. Sara needs to add updates to the new website.

- Min Liu spoke about LILRC loan of Rokus, Google Cardboard (put phone in and see things in 3D). NYPL got funding to get mobile public wifi devices, can use it for one month, with 2-3 renewals allowed. Linda Lennon spoke of Helping Hands, students making hands out of 3D printer to replace prosthetics which are outgrown.
- Five-Year Plan – Sara shared updates she has done to date on the Five-Year Plan. Council members were asked to compare existing Plan with proposed revisions to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.