

School Library System  
Western Suffolk BOCES  
Council Meeting  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

Dr. Tom DeNicola, Division of Instructional Support Services WSBOCES (Consultant)  
Sara Kardaz, WSBOCES School Library System Coordinator

Absent: Jane Herbst, Dr. Vincent Livoti, Dr. Tom DeNicola

- The minutes from February 24<sup>th</sup> were approved with a motion from Carolyn Burton and seconded by Dawn Koziarz.
- We extend congratulations to Cathy Masrour for receiving her doctorate! Kudos Cathy for all your hard work these past five years!
- Sara discussed the e-mail she sent on guidelines on running a meeting. General discussion followed and it was felt this is not an issue that needs to be addressed.
- We discussed members with expiring terms: Carolyn and Bea wish to remain on the council. On a motion by Carol, seconded by Tina, so moved. Min's term is also expiring and having arrived late Carol amended the prior motion to include Min and it was so moved.
- Consulting calendars, dates for future meetings were discussed:
  - Council – week of September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Liaison – week of September 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Council – week of November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Liaison - week of December 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Council – week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Liaison - week of March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Council – week of April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Liaison – week of May 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sara will consult the BOCES calendar and reserve rooms. In October there will be a new librarian orientation that Sara will also add to the calendar. She'll incorporate snow days for possible cancelled meetings. Dates for the six professional circles will be selected.

- Sara attended various conferences and discussed them: ASSET Conference on March 14<sup>th</sup>; LILRC Gala on April 14<sup>th</sup>; NYLA/SSL Conference May 5-7<sup>th</sup>; and she will be attending SLA Institute June 6-9<sup>th</sup>.
- Sara discussed the last Liaison meeting. There were 30 attendees. Derek Ivie of Suffolk Cooperative Library System, and Renee McGrath, of Nassau Library System, did book talks. The final meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup> where the Right Question Institute (research based) will share the Question Formulation Technique. There will be a surprise guest on May 17<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Joette Stefl-Mabry (Bea said Joette was

C.W. Post's first PhD. student) who will speak on the importance of research in the field and librarians helping by completing surveys.

- The last two Professional Circles were: March 10<sup>th</sup> – *Global Connections*: discussion about lesson plans, activities, projects, etc. connecting students to people outside their school – facilitator was Lisa Lindeman. May 10<sup>th</sup> - *Make it, Take It: Display 2.0*: discussion about library displays and Pinterest - facilitators were Carolyn Burton and Kim Bronzino. Both Circles were well received
- As a result of the Professional Learning Committee that met on April 12<sup>th</sup>, the following topics were suggested for possible Professional Circles in 2016-17:
  - *Back to Basics: Booktalking Tips and Tricks*: including how to give an effective booktalk that hooks students and how to create book trailers.
  - *Google Tips and Tricks for Librarians*: consider having two facilitators on the same night - one to address beginners and one to address advanced.
  - *Using Social Media*: with students, to market your library, or to create a PLN (Instagram, Twitter, blogs, Facebook, Pinterest, etc.).
  - *Social Responsibility*: Internet safety and use including netiquette.
  - *Building Relationships*: in the school, district, community, businesses, public library, School Library System, professional learning networks, etc.
  - *Share My Lesson*: share one or more of your most successful lessons.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Leadership & Information Symposium: Dawn Koziarz was selected as Librarian of the Year! Kudos Dawn!!!! At this point, 40 have registered with 14 vendors paying for tables which will cover lunch. Tom DiNicola was scheduled to speak on librarians as teacher leaders in their buildings, but unfortunately he has to go to Albany that day. Sara is asking for recommendations: Alice suggested the Superintendent of Hauppauge who she recently heard speaking about the Common Core and Librarians.
- A Cooperative Collection Development Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>—only one person has volunteered. Since this is an important topic and part of our Plan of Service, we need to move forward and make it a reality. If members know anyone with potential to be more involved with the SLS, please encourage them to join this committee. It is a great opportunity for someone new to become involved, and as Bea mentioned it's a "librarian leadership" opportunity. Of the 97 librarians in our district, 30 come often to various functions and events. It would be nice to get more actively involved. Bea suggested that at the upcoming May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting perhaps a flyer could be developed and distributed regarding librarian leadership opportunities
- Sara discussed the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Library & Archives Program: the Science Journal Club will begin on or about October 24<sup>th</sup> and meet in the library conference room at the CSHL, one session every other week from 3-4:30 pm for a total of 7 sessions. Students will provide their own transportation. Each high school will designate a librarian or science teacher to attend one or more sessions as needed so there will always be at least two adults present. During the seven weeks each student will present on a science article that he/she has read. The audience will give feedback about the presentation. A graduate student from the lab will talk with the students about possible careers in science and why developing speaking and presentation skills is important. The program will address a number of learning standards. A letter will be sent to all of the high

school Principals to gauge interest. Date to respond: June 1<sup>st</sup>. Council discussed start/end times and transportation/traffic issues and suggests that a start time of 3:30 or later would be better. The district needs to provide transportation for the walking tour (\$5pp) Cathy suggested that besides the principals, the informational flyers on the project be sent to the science department chairpersons as well. Since it's anticipated that not all districts will participate, more than one might be sent from those who do participate. The maximum number of students who may participate is 20. This program is not aimed at the top science students; but rather at students who are interested in science and can benefit from the program. Letters will go out to the districts by the end of May or early June.

- November 8<sup>th</sup> Long Island School Library Systems 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regional Fall Institute at the UPSKY Long Island Hotel—sponsored by the three Long Island School Library Systems. Non-vendors are welcome to submit an entry to be a presenter. Pass the word. A call for presenters has gone out. One librarian, Diane Miller, has put in a suggestion to date. The keynote speaker will be Shannon McClintock Miller. Shannon has been described as a “rock star” in the world of teacher librarians. Anyone who would like to be a presenter may apply at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LI\\_SLS\\_Fall2016](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LI_SLS_Fall2016). Possible workshops were discussed: Cathy suggested a librarian discussing changes and upgrades in curriculum—even a make and take; Linda mentioned librarians from Stony Brook talking about plagiarism and repercussions to college students; Bea mentioned a recent library school student just accused of plagiarism. It is a serious issue and great to address at a session.

#### New Business:

- Sara mentioned that at the Professional Learning Committee meeting offering sessions on Google Apps for School Librarians was discussed. Tom, at the Teachers Center, has been running these for educators in general and is amenable to collaborate with librarians to offer sessions geared specifically to them. The Teacher Center can pay up to \$150 to facilitate each session that would run 4-7 pm. Sara will send out a flyer and application so anyone who feels qualified to give such a session can apply.
- Many new professional e-books have been added to the School Library System's Professional Catalog—a total of 72 titles! Many titles perfect for summer reading—so check the Catalog. Dawn suggested having the titles written on the board at the start of Liaison meetings. The ebooks allow unlimited access by multiple users. Some titles appropriate for book clubs, etc. Bea has been invited to share this information with her library students.
- The end-of-the-year survey rating Sara and our SLS will be available soon. The data is needed for the SLS annual report and it likewise helps with planning for next school year's events.
- Bea mentioned that the Palmer School has appointed Tom Walker from the University of Wisconsin as director of the Palmer School. He wants to be involved locally and attend meetings, conferences, etc.
- News from LILRC: Min shared:

- 2016 LILRC Annual Membership Meeting, Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Farmingdale Public Library, 9:30-12:30—Keynote speaker, David Vinjamuri, President and Founder of ThirdWay Brand Trainers: Social Media for Library Marketing & Branding—how to use social media to empower your library and effectively use a limited budget to promote events.
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, tour of Longwood Public Library’s new space—expanded 45,000 sq. feet—9:30am, free
- NYLA—LILRC reception November 24<sup>th</sup>, Saratoga, open bar/food
- Min recently attended the yearly Streaming Media Conference at the midtown Hilton. This is a free, yearly conference and chock full of information—virtual reality technology that can stream to You Tube.
- Dawn mentioned noticing the ‘Real World Technology’ exhibit truck in the parking lot this morning prior to our meeting—she checked it out and was quite impressed with the technology—check their website: <http://zspace.com>
- Carolyn mentioned that Ricoh in Hauppauge has a 360 degree camera and all kinds of VR products and equipment—great for STEM programs.
- Alice mentioned that Google Exploration is coming to their school next week—they do 18 explorations a day. For information visit their website at: <https://www.google.com/edu/expeditions/>

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Linda, seconded by Min, we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Byrne  
Recording Secretary