

School Library System Western Suffolk BOCES

Liaison Meeting and Professional Learning
Tuesday, December 8, 2015 ~ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Learning Lab, 31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights

Liaison Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Sara Kardasz. Each attendee was given a poster from the N.Y. State Archives to promote a student research competition using historical records. Deadline is July 1, 2016. Share with social studies teachers.

- Welcome
- Review & Approve Minutes from October 29, 2015 meeting. No changes were suggested. Motion to accept the minutes made by Stu Horowitz. Second made by Linda Dickman. All in favor.
- Sara reminded liaisons to keep her informed if any changes occur in the district related to certified librarians in schools. The "Directory of Member Schools" needs to be kept up-to-date. Also, notify her regarding changes related to full-time versus part-time positions.
- Attendance at the Regional Institute (11/3/15) was down from last year; but was still quite strong. 52 attended from WSBOCES. 191 attended in total. Next year the Institute will be held on November 8, 2016. The School Library System has about \$2000 left over from this year's Institute. It will be spent in some way that will benefit all of the SLMS's of WSBOCES.
- The "Book Share" Professional Circle (11/17/15) had 14 enthusiastic attendees. Sara gave everyone a copy of the Google doc that was created to share all of the book titles that were discussed. She pointed out Erin Marone's links for her presentations related to "Notice & Note: Strategies for Close Reading." This was one of the professional books that was discussed. The Professional Circles are growing in popularity. Anyone who would like to suggest a topic for a future Circle should contact Sara.
- Three attended the New Librarians Orientation (11/23/15). The presentation was well received. It happened that each of the attendees was working in an elementary school, so the sharing was important to them.
- The State requires that the School Library System have a Cooperative Collection Development Committee. Four SLMS's volunteered to be on the committee. Those who are able will be meeting 12/9/15 to review existing plans and discuss a new plan for WSBOCES. The resulting CCD plan will be part of the 5 Year Member Plan to be submitted to the State by 4/1/16.
- The Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop is scheduled for 12/15/15. Enrollment is low; but enough to provide the workshop. Attendees will receive a certificate.
- New Statewide Internet Library Level certificates will be presented at the 3/3/16 meeting. Please complete and return the checklist to Sara for review. If anyone has questions about completing the checklist, contact Sara.
- Completed SLMPE rubrics for the Member Plan are due to Sara by 1/8/16. Liaisons were asked to encourage every school to complete one. If a school does not have a certified librarian, the liaison should complete one for that school. Everyone was reminded that the SLMPE rubric does not evaluate the librarian. It evaluates the library program. Encouraged to review the finished rubric with school principal; but not required to do so. All data will be aggregated to

send to the State. No individual school names or districts will be shared. If anyone has questions about how to complete the rubric, contact Sara.

- Sara had a meeting at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Library and Archives on 12/3/15. Laura Irace, SLMS, John Glenn HS, Elwood; Dr. Arnold Kamhi, Biology/Science Research teacher, John Glenn HS, Elwood; Donna Miceli, SLMS, Half Hollow Hills HS East; and Christian Fogarazzo, Director of Science, Half Hollow Hills School District also attended. From the Cold Spring Harbor Lab Library, Ludmila Pollock, Executive Director; Matthew Covey, Science Informationist; and Judy Wieber, Science Librarian, attended. Brainstorming related to a possible program or programs with the Library and Archives and high school students from WSBOCES occurred. The five WSBOCES attendees will meet to formulate a proposal to submit to the Cold Spring Harbor Lab Library. Whatever final program is agreed upon, it would begin in 2016-17. It would focus on students working with the librarians doing research and presentations, not doing hands-on research with scientists.
- On 11/30/15 NYLA presented a webinar for School Library System directors to share information about the status of legislation in Albany related to certified school librarians. The Farley bill and the Solage bill would change the current regulations into a law. This would give it more “teeth”. It would also include elementary schools along with secondary schools. The amount of a certified librarian’s time in a building would be based on the population of that building. The bills will be introduced into the Education committees. NYLA is working to build coalitions with other educational groups in order to build support. Please take the time to view the webinar at http://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=1159&MenuKey=members It also makes suggestions for what SLMS’s can be doing now to prepare the way.
- Data is very important in order for NYLA to convince legislators to support the bills. They want to know how many school districts will be impacted if the bills are passed. NYLA will be sending Sara a survey asking about what part of a full-time position of a certified librarian is in every school in WSBOCES. If Sara is uncertain about the information, she will contact the liaison to confirm. Also, the survey that has been sent out by Joette Stepl-Mabry is very important to complete. The findings of this study may also be used by NYLA when discussing the impact that certified school librarians have on student learning. It is acknowledged that completing surveys takes time; but we are in a data age, and it is very important to take the time to complete them.
- The new WSBOCES website was shown. Sara needs to get access to edit the School Library System section to make updates. Stu suggested that Sara inquire about using a bitly or tiny url for the web address since it is rather long.
- New Business:
 - Food change. It was mentioned that since everyone pays cash for breakfast and lunch, we would be free to order food from any provider. We are not required to use the Deli that has a contract with WSBOCES. However, it might cost more to do that. Or we might be able to afford only lunch and not breakfast. Everyone was asked to think about it and it would be discussed at a later date.
 - Everyone was reminded that Nassau BOCES SLS has set up a web page for gathering the names of recommended authors and illustrators who visit schools. Go to <http://www.nassauboces.org/nbsls> and click on the Author/Illustrator Vist Suggestions button under the SLS Quick Links Tab. The direct link to the page is <http://www.nassauboces.org/Page/7971>. You may make suggestions, or see who other librarians have recommended.

Next Liaison meeting: 3/3/16 Emma Klimek, APPR and Library Media Specialists.

Business meeting closed at 10:05.

Business meeting was followed by presentations from:

- Loulou Gaget and Bryan Gorman of edu.Buncee.com
- Harry Chan of MediaFlex, Inc. who spoke about the Union Catalog
- Therese Purcell Nielsen from the Huntington Public Library who spoke about the Foundation Center's "Funding Information Network" and "GrantSpace"
- Dawn Koziarz from Copiague Middle School who spoke about DonorsChoose.org