

Minutes
School Library System Council Meeting
Western Suffolk BOCES
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
9:00 a.m., Learning Lab

9:05 am -Meeting Began

In attendance:

Jill Adler

Elizabeth Aitken

Dr. Bea Baaden

Kim Bronzino

Carol Byrne

Aurelia Cardamone

Dr. Matthew Covey

Deanna Jakubowsky

Dawn Koziarz

Dr. Cathy Masrour

Sue Teeter

Sara Kardasz

- **Minutes of November 17, 2022, meeting:**

Approved

- **Resignation of Council member:**

Jane Herbst, one of the Council's founding members, resigned from the Council. Discussion of her resignation and a collection was taken for a gift. At our next meeting we will begin replacement proceedings. Her seat should be filled by the end of the year.

Cooperative Collection Development Plan and revised Five-Year Plan of Service:

Approved by the State

CCD Plan/SORA update:

All Access Comics Juvenile collection added to the WSBOCES Digital Library. 402+ titles were purchased with State funding and can be accessed at www.soraapp.com/library/wsbocesny. In addition, NYREADS and magazines were renewed. New titles cannot be purchased due to lack of funding. Concerns were brought up regarding how to support the collection with only WSBOCES State funding. A possibility would be for districts to fund a Coser to enhance the collection. One goal is for 100 percent of school districts to set up their own SORA platform. This can be done for free. A district can access a lot more with its own platform. With SORA you can access your public library's collection. Once everyone has access to it, we can think about changing how items are bought. Everyone is encouraged to promote SORA. Some districts use it more than others. A suggestion was made to mention to parents at a PTA meeting that SORA is available and how to use it with their child at home. Since June of 2021 we have had 15,089 checkouts.

School Library System LibGuide

The LibGuide can be accessed at: <https://wsboces.libguides.com/> Here you can access handouts, professional development opportunities, Liaison meeting PD, videos of PD, etc.

WSBOCES Business:

- Sara sent out spreadsheets to all districts with 23-24 orders which contained the updated database pricing and other spending made through WSBOCES.

Librarian of the Year and Administrator of the Year awards:

- Librarian of the Year and Administrator of the Year nominations were reviewed. The merits of each candidate were discussed. The 2023 Administrator of the Year is Jennifer Freedman. She is now a two-time winner, having won as Librarian of the Year in 2016-17.
- There were nine nominations for Librarian of the Year this year. This was the first time that nomination forms were sent out to district administrators. The 2023 Librarian of the year is Timothy Quinn.
- Celebrate Our Successes Conference is May 11th. Jen Calonita, a Long Island YA author will be our keynote speaker. Pre-Covid 19, she was slated to speak, and we purchased her books to hand out at the 2020 conference, which never happened, so we will give them to attendees this year.

PD offered since the last Council meeting (1-17-2200.)

- 12-6-22 "Marketing the School Media Center" with Arlene Laverde, presented by LILRC. (11 attended.)

- 2-7-22 Liaison meeting and professional learning. “School Library Program Rubric: Domain 2 – Build the Learning Environment” a review of the 2020 School Library Program Rubric with a focus on Domain 2, its 4 Subdomains, and its 9 Essential Elements. Also, presentations from Susan Glaser re: National History Day, and Lara Kraft re: Infobase resources. (32 attended.)

Upcoming:

- 2022-23 SLS Meetings Schedule as of 1/3/23
- 1-10-23 “Building a Diverse Collection”. Presented by LILRC.
- 1-12-23 “School Library Program Rubric: Domain 2” workgroup. Offered 9-10 am or 4–5 pm.
- 1-18-23 “Infusing Literacy into Science and Social Studies Instruction” with TeachingBooks.net.
- 1-19-23 “Using Digital Magazine Media to Engage and Excite” with Kids Discover.
- 1-25-23 “Collection Analysis with TeachingBooks Resources”.
- 2-6-23 “Professional Circle: Using Button Makers in the Library for Creativity, Copyright, and More!” presented by Michelle Robinson, Smithtown SD.
- 2-9-23 “Free, Open or Available: Maintaining Academic Integrity in an Access-Variied Information Environment”. With Fabio Montella and Naomi Edwards, Suffolk County Community College.
- 2-25-23 “Professional Circle: Nearpod Training for Beginners” presented by Mary Biener, Babylon SD.
- 3-24-23 Liaison Meeting and Professional Learning. PD will focus on a common concern shared by the Domain 2 completed rubric pages.
- 3-28-23 “Information Privilege and Equity” presented by LILRC.
- 4-24-23 Last Council meeting
- 4-27-23 “Consider the Source” for School Librarians and Classroom Teachers. Presented by Jordan Jace, NY Archives Partnership Trust
- 5-9-23 “Building a Culture of Reading” presented by LILRC.
- 5-11-23 Last Liaison meeting - “Celebrate Our Successes!” Keynote speaker Jen Calonita, Long Island author.

New Business:

- LIU Post to offer 50% Tuition discount for those seeking SMS. Information meeting via Zoom is planned.

The next meeting (our last of the year) is scheduled for April 24, 2023.