



Erie 1 BOCES School Library System Meeting Council & Communication Coordinators Minutes February 24, 2016

Attendees

Laura Penn, Donn Riggi, Heather Damico, Catherine McMaster, Colleen Goodwin, Megan Moelbert, Ann Marshall, Janet Balk, Nancy O'Donnell, Joanne Schoenle, Elizabeth Kick, Heidi Musacchio, Susan Palumbo, Susie Kane, Leslie Occhiuto, Sharon Moore, Lyn Biniszkiwicz, Beth Cornell, Jennifer Santomauro, Jennifer Patterson, Mary Jane Ganoff, Mary Jo Sicurella, Rosalia Carraba, Sheryl Knab, Maria Muhlbauer, Lisa Martini, Joyce Pontrello

Absent

Ruth Kressler, Pam Weinrieb, Angela Lukas, Cheryl Greene, Antoinette Shriver, Steven Koniarczyk, Stacey Delahunt, Janyce Phelps, Gary Schulenburg, Sean Obrochta, Christine Stockslader, Marie Clark, Allison Borcuch

Agenda

1. Welcome-Alicia Thompson

Introductions were made around the room of the Communication Coordinators, general lunch arrangements and the timeframes of the meeting were noted

Thank you to C. McMaster, N. O'Donnell, M. Moelbert and A. Thompson, who provide morning treats for the group. It was very thoughtful of you both and most appreciated by the group

2. Announcements: Open forum for Communication Coordinators to Share Out new information within the district, new job openings, events and any honors

- Amherst CSD: District is in a process of interviewing for a new superintendent
- Hamburg CSD: April 8th is the district Family Reading Night. It is an event that is open to the public and being hosted at the Middle School. It will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. and the guest speaker is author Tim Green
- Kenmore Tonawanda UFSD: The district has 1.6 full long term sub openings for the remainder of



the school year. Please see the school's website for additional information

- Frontier CSD: The District will be looking for a sub for possibly May-June
- WNYLRC: H. Damico shared out info related to the H2C committee. It will be a meeting at WNYLRC on March 9th. The H2C Committee is looking to host a more formal workshop next year. It was discussed that the Committee is looking to have Steve Harvey present and other guest speakers at an ECC College Campus. More details will be forthcoming and the committee welcomes all to come to the next meeting
- West Seneca CSD: The district received an award of \$4,000 for a student's participation in the James Patterson Award. Admiration and appreciation was expressed to the student who advocated for the library
- Williamsville CSD: Anticipating a SLMS Elem. vacancy for the 2016-17 school year
- Salamanca CSD: Salamanca CSD is looking for a full time SLMS. For more information, please see the school's website
- SLAWNY: L.Penn shared Out that the SLAWNY meeting will be held at Erie 1 BOCES on Wednesday February 24th. Presenters are Susan Bartle from Erie 2 who would talk about inquiry learning and Heidi Bamford from WNYLRC

3.Highlights of Conferences and Workshops Conference

- West Seneca CSD: R. Carraba shared out there will be a course at the West Seneca Central School District teacher Center on tweets and Peeps. She will be sharing the link which will be sent out in a follow up to the CC
- M.Muhlbauer Shared with the group that she had attended the AASL for the first time. She received monies of \$750 to be used towards the conference which was held in Columbus Ohio. She shared that it was a great experience
- M.Sicurella will be attending a SSL conference in Albany, NY in the Spring and will share the details with the group

4.NYLA/SSL Conference

- M.Muhlbauer shared out information related to the upcoming SSL May 2017 Conference. The conference will be May 4-6 and is being chaired by M.Muhlbauer and T.Pierce.
- After much research, consideration and consensus the event will be at the Millennium Hotel [adjacent to the Walden Galleria Mall in Cheektowaga]
- Cost of the conference is unknown at this time however M.Muhlbauer offer suggestions and considerations that will again be explored and discussed
- The theme is based on the Makerspace movement. Make.Learn.Inspire
- Volunteers will play a key role and greatly appreciated. CC's are asked to share out this information with colleagues in the district
- Information about the conference and how to volunteer will be shared out to the membership in News and Info when available

5.NYS Teacher Certification Exam update

- C. Goodwin and M.Sicurella provided feedback to the committee and council. Both stated that it was a great experience. The committee's charge was to review and edit 50 questions to create test questions that demonstrated an unbiased, accurate and content specific test. C. Goodwin will share a link with CC's to share with colleagues to take advantage of this opportunity. Many



expenses were paid by the State for the SLMS 's participation

6. UB Vision and direction of the SLMS program

- M.Sicurella shared that the university is looking to Make changes to the core courses and to redesign some of the courses offered
- M.Muhlbauer discussed the LIS 524 course. She shared with the group the syllabus for the course. The CC's were allotted time to review the syllabus and offer feedback and suggestions to her to consider and use
- Questions were asked regarding how the university and program is recruiting, how many are currently in the program, how many are expected to graduate, how many are local students, how many credits are needed for certification
- M.Sicurella was asked about and will share out with the CC's the program brochure. The brochure link will be shared out in a follow up email to the CC's

7. Using Google Drive and Google Classroom with Gale databases

- S.Kane and A.Marshall gave a general overview of how Google classroom and Google drive are being used at Williamsville CSD and Cleveland Hill UFSD. They demonstrated how general practitioners can locate and use features and how students are using the features in preparing research projects and other assignments. R.Carrabba, West Seneca CSD and N.Donnell, Ken Ton UFSD, J.Santomauro, Mt St Mary Academy and E.Kick, Frontier CSD also shared that is is being used at their building /districts.
- After the expressed interest from the general overview presented, AT asked the if this was something that the SLS provide more PD on for the th e2016-17 school year. The response was yes and AT will follow-up with more info at a later date

8. Staff Development Opportunities

- On Feb 3rd, the vendor Learning A-Z hosted a ½ day afternoon workshop. The workshop was geared towards the elementary and MS grades SLMS and district colleagues that use the database.It was well attended and the participants stated that they would be appreciative of a follow-up PD in the Fall of the next school year
- The was a webinar on 2/23/16 hosted by teachingbooks.net. The focus was science
- The Follett User conference is coming up on March 8, 2016. It will be at the Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus. Announcements have been sent out by the Follect Coordinator and the SLS Office. A. Thompson reminded the CC's to check to see if you and your district counterparts are registered for this event as it does impact your breakfast and lunch provided that day. Registration for the event closes on Feb. 26th
- On April 25th, we will be hosting Kathleen Odean at Erie 1. It will be for the Erie 1, Orleans-Niagara and Buffalo SLS membership.More details will follow after the start of the new year. The PD was posted in the News and info and sent to the membership on January 25,2016
- WNYLRC and Erie 1 are collaboratively working together. Jaclyn Mc Kewan will be presenting at Erie 1 BOCES on Wed. May 11, 2016. It will be a full day PD. More detail will be coming out soon



- The follow-up PD to the Fall SS Framework PD is being planned for Wed. June 1, 2016. This PD is not just limited to those who attended the Fall workshop; it is open to all. The workshop will focus on many different cultural partners who can offer details and information to add to and enrich curriculum
- L.Penn shared feedback on a WNYLRC PD that she attended. The theme was 60 sites in 60 mins. Additional info will be shared in a follow-up email to CC's

9. SLS Director Report:

- A.Thompson shared the proposed 5 year plan of service for the Erie 1 SLS. It is for years 2016-2021. It is officially due to be submitted by April 1, 2016. AT asked for review of the doc and any suggested changes. AT would like to set a target date to send in by early March 2016
- The tentative pricing guide was shared with the CC's. A. Thompson strongly encouraged CC's to share out the information with a vested stakeholder who are involved with the selection or approval of such purchases for the planning of the 2016-17 school year. All CC's have received a paper copy. An electronic copy will be sent to those independent school and districts that collectively do not have any overdue ILL monthly stats due to the SLS office. The final price list and order form is expected to be sent out in Early April. More info is to be shared at the last CC meeting
- There was a question of a possible NEWSOLA Trial for the membership. AT will look into
- A. Thompson reminded CC's to follow-up with their district colleagues to send in unaccounted for ILL stats. Each CC was given a list of those buildings within the district that have not sent the records of ILL's stats from September-January
- CC's will be asked to complete the 2016 Summer School Directory Form and send it to the SLS Office. More info to follow at a later date
- The NOVELNY 2017 Databases Procurement Team will begin meeting in January. Team members are Carol Desch (NYSL), Mary Anne Waltz (NYSL), Cara Janowsky (NYSL), Julia Corrice (SCRLC), Lynn Miller (SC BOCES), Lindsay Stratton (PLS) and Amy Heebner (NYSL, Team Leader). Survey results will be posted on the NOVELNY website
- The SLS Council will be asked to offer suggestions on the SLS membership survey for the 2015-16 school year. The suggestions will be used to collect the necessary feedback for the purposeful and professional planning of the 2016-17 school year

10. Information Items

- CC's collectively discussed district school library programs and curriculum

11. Good of the Order

Next Meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 – at Erie 1 BOCES Education Center

Adjournment

Adjourned the meeting at 2:21 pm.

