

Erie 1 BOCES School Library System Meeting  
Council & Communication Coordinators Minutes  
February 10 , 2015

## Attendees

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Laura Penn, Donn Riggi, Heather Damico, Catherine McMaster, Julia Taggart, Colleen Goodwin, Megan Moelbert, Ann Marshall, Lisa Martini, Stephanie Pritchard, Nancy O'Donnell, Sue Palumbo, Christine Stockslader, Joanne Schoenle, Lisa Wolski, Heidi Mussachio, Lynne Knaze, Susie Kane, Marie Clark, Leslie Occhiuto, Sharon Moore

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### Absent

Judy Slawinski, Joyce Pontrello, Beth Stancl, Aga Chen, Pam Weinrieb, Angela Lukas, Cheryl Greene, Lyn Biniszkiwicz Antoinette Shriver, Steven Koniarczyk, Stacey Delahunt, Janyce Phelps, Gary Schulenburg, Denise Cronyn

## Agenda

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### Welcome-Alicia Thompson

Introductions were made around the room of the Communication Coordinators for the 2014-15 school year, general lunch arrangements and the timeframes of the meeting were noted

Thank you to C.McMaster, H.Damico, N.O'Donnell and S.Kane, who provide morning treats for the group. It was very thoughtful of you and most appreciated by the group

**Announcements:** Open forum for Communication Coordinators to share out new information within the district, new job openings , events and note any honors

- A.Thompson shared out job opportunities are now on the SLS website. This change took place in January. This will allow those who are interested in viewing the opportunities to see them while not being overwhelmed with news and info from the SLS office
- SLAWNY will be hosting its General membership meeting on 2/10/15 at Erie 1 BOCES
- A.Thompson shared out WNYLRC will be hosting a 4 hr copyright Workshop on Wednesday, April 22nd 9:00am-1:00 pm
- News & Info was sent out by the SLS office on the upcoming SSL/NYLA 2015 Spring Conference to be held in Tarrytown, NY April 30th-May 2nd.
- N. O'Donnell shared that the Ken-Ton UFSD has changed their mailing address [@ktufsd.org]



- D.Riggi shared with the group that A.Sobol will be returning to her position at Alden CSD in Mid - March
- H.Damico shared with the group that the High School to College committee will be meeting on February 11th at WNYLRC
- M.Clark shared that Biznet group has a new name. The new name is EDCOWNY which is an acronym for Education Collaborative of Western New York
- S.Kane shared out news of Williamsville CSD be awarded of a grant she wrote for ipad wall mounts
- Amherst CSD will be looking for an administrator.C.McMaster encouraged those interested and eligible to look on the school webpage for more information

### **Library Automation Update**

- Todd Catalano, LIBAUTO coordinator for Mandarin and OPALS shared out that the upgrade of Mandarin Oasis is available. There are several districts that have made the upgrade since it was featured at the Fall Mandarin Users Group. If districts are interested in more information they need to contact the TS Mandarin group. For OPALS, T.Catalano shared there is a new look coming to the regional union catalog which is more aligned with the building base version of the catalog. He also mentioned the flexibility and usefulness on the Research Database. This particular database can be utilized by any of the library automation systems supported by the Erie 1 SLS office and has proven to those who already have the database to help learners with locating databases purchases by the school and to assist the SLMS with managing the resources
- Patty Lebrez, LIBUTO coordinator for Follett Destiny shared out the Follett Annual Users Group meeting information. The Users group will take place March 5, 2015 at Erie 1 BOCES. The registration information has been sent out twice in the SLS News and Information. She mentioned that version 12.5 was released in the Fall 2014 and the most notable change was the merger of both asset and textbook manager. P.Lebrezn noted that version 13 might be released in Summer 2015.

### **WNYRIC Content Filtering**

- Ronald Ternowski, Network Security, Content Filtering & Core Network Infrastructure Supervisor for the Western New York Regional Information Center discussed the purpose of network security and content filtering at it applies to districts of the WNYRIC. The districts who use the WNYRIC for security and filtering use Lightspeed. Ternowski expressed that there are certain things he looking for directly and strongly emphasised that the WNYRIC does not police the network. It is the decision of the district to decide what is allowed or blocked
- C.Stockslader asked a question regarding youtube in the district and Ternowski response was that it the decision of your districts Tech Director , appointed content filter admin.and/or other admin that decided what is blocked or allowed. A thompson asked the CC's to make sure sure this info. is shared back within the districts
- Ternowski reminded the group that you have to balance your security with what info you are securing.Google has a safety mode but this feature does not work on chrombooks. He also mentioned that the use/viewing of social media is a decision made at the district level not the WNYRIC
- He advised the group to think about how filtering can help you by teaching users to be good digital citizens
- There was a question related to viewing professional articles that may be blocked due to tiny urls. When the tiny url is used it changes the encryption and make it more susceptible to being blocked



and filtered. If you feel that the website does not violate anything within the district's AUP policy it was suggested that you submit the website for review to your build admin. for consideration of viewing at work

- Ternowski noted that your work email should be used for work related information and your private email be used at home. There should be a clear distinction between which email you use and where you use it. A Thompson also expressed that this information needs to be shared back to colleagues in the district
- Additional information was provided: Handout and website reference to Hamilton College and fair use. A. Thompson also recommended that information previously shared at prior CC meetings on copyright be reviewed to reflect and drive dialogue and discussion with colleagues

### **Highlights from Conferences & Workshops**

- Erie 1 BOCES hosted a SLS PD for librarians. The PD's focus to examine Primary Resources and inquiry learning to align to the SS Framework. The number in audience was small but big on ideas to generate the conversations on curriculum back at the districts
- The group was asked for feedback in regards to the low number of attendees and the responses varied from weather related issues to the most notable response which was their district will not allow for them to have sub coverage to attend PD that is related specifically to the SLMS and a collaborative teacher. Several indicated that if they did register they would have to use their own personal vacation time to attend
- The SLAWNY Northtown Elementary Network recently met at Dodge Elem.School

### **SLS Collaborative Resources:**

- In response to a question the SLS Office, the CC's are being asked to assist in the creation of a document that will help collectively locate authors/illustrators/speakers for potential author visits
- CC's are asked to shared this information back at the district with colleagues so that we can create a tool that is robust and meaningful to enhancing curriculum and fostering a love of reading
- The tool will be available on the SLS website. It was suggested that when possible you contact the recommending SLMS to glean more information on the visit and if the person is the right fit for learners academic needs

### **Online Resources**

- The 2015-16 Erie 1 SLS Online Database tentative pricing guide was distributed. CC's were *strongly* reminded and encouraged by A.Thompson to share the information back within the district with other SLMS colleagues and all shareholders who have a vested interest in the renewal and purchasing decisions of the online resources asap. The finalized copy of the 2015-16 Erie 1 SLS Online Database Pricing guide will be sent electronically in April. Additionally the 2015-16 Master order form will be sent out in April. The instructions for when the signed database order form will be included
- A webinar introduction with the vendor LibGuides took place. Gianna Nicolas introduced the CC's to Libguides and demonstrated its versatility and different instructional uses. The SLS Office will
- be offering the new database
- The group learned that Libguides has a community of 433,900 guides with over 66,372 librarians
- The vendor rep. demonstrated 3 different types of libguides for the group. She noted that there is free training and technical support with the subscription



- CC's from W.Seneca CSD, KenTon UFSD and Williamsville CSD shared how they are using it in their district and any pros and cons of the subscription
- It was discussed how a similar free version of this subscription is available and used with the Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD but the concern is that free version in the future are not guaranteed and all work and time used to create the free product can be gone without notice
- The vendor will create a xml of your content should you wish to cancel the subscription
- The vendor will follow up with A. Thompson to offer a dedicated trial for interested SLMS that actively participate in the SLS. A. Thompson will share out the info when it becomes available
- M.Moelbert requested that the tentative pricing list be sent to the CC's. The SLS Office will send this out to CC's the next day

**Staff Development:**

- The Erie 1 SLS will be hosting a PD with Teachingbooks.net on April 15th 9-2:30 pm at Erie 1 BOCES. The agenda is specifically tailor to the needs of the constituents. The registration information is forthcoming and will be sent in the News and Information
- CC's shared out what they and their counterparts back in the district are presenting back in the district
- S.Pritchard,H.Musacchio,S.Palumbo, L.Wolski,D.Riggs shared out a variety of topics and technological tools they have or their colleagues back in the district have recently presented

**Empire State Information Fluency Continuum [IFC]**

- Discussed how the collection and weeding policies have an direct impact on information fluency
- CC's were give a little time to discuss how their district policies are used;address any language that needs to be added or clarified. CC's were asked to review with SLMS colleagues in the district where to locate the policies in print or electronically. CC's were asked to work with the SLMS in the district to make sure that the policies are relevant, revised and approved by their district BOE. CC's were asked to also look at the mission and goals of the LMC to 1.)make sure that all stakeholders are aware of them 2.)align with the policies are written or revised
- Four related handouts were provided by A.Thompson that support the libraries need to add necessary diverse resources into the collection and the validity of weeding to uphold the high level of quality of the collection
- When reviewing both policies the short term goals and the long term goals of information fluency must be considered. Both policies should be used to define actions and decisions
- M.Moelbert will share out the policies of her district. This will be sent out from the SLS to all CC's to share out to drive dialogue and discussion within their own districts

**SLS Director's Report:**

- A. Thompson reported the following: that the Erie 1 Plan of Service for 2016-2020 will be due next year, it will be reviewed by the council for insight and input
- A.Thompson will be one of 4 other SLS Directors to represent the Erie 1 in the ILEAD Project. The teams focus is to create a digital interactive platform using the IFC that connects skills to assessments
- Info was shared using the News and info regarding the Uncommon Core Conference in August. CC's are encouraged to remind colleagues to look at attending the conference or even present at the upcoming summer conference in Albany.
- CC's will be asked at the last CC meeting to again provide the SLS office with with districts are or



are not hosting summer school. The sample of the directory form was provided. This will be sent to the CC's in April to present at the last CC meeting. In the event that the info is not available at the last meeting, the CC's will need to provide it to the SLS office when the information becomes available.

### **Legislation**

- WNYLRC is planning several legislative visits. Dates and times were shared. A Thompson will attending the visit with Assemblyman M.Kearns on Tuesday, February 17th at 3:00pm to advocate for library funding, mandated SLMS at all levels and literary skills. Please consider attending this or any other legislative visit
- For more information contact Heidi Bamford at [hbamford@wnylrc.org](mailto:hbamford@wnylrc.org)
- There were 2 additional advocacy reminders in the News & info on 1/14 ad 2/9 to reference

### **Information Items:**

- SLAWNY general meeting reminder to be held at Erie 1 BOCES Feb 10th

## Next Meeting

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Next meeting: Tuesday, Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – at Erie 1 BOCES Education Center

## Adjournment

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**Adjourned the meeting at 2:34pm.**

