

Erie 1 BOCES School Library System Meeting  
Council & Communication Coordinators Minutes  
October 9, 2014

## Attendees

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Laura Penn, Donn Riggi, Heather Dimenco, Catherine McMasters, Jennifer Patterson, Colleen Goodwin, Dawn Piette, Ann Marshall, Lisa Martini, Stephanie Pritchard, Megan Moelbert, Nancy O'Donnell, Sue Palumbo, Christine Stockslader, Joanne Schoenle, Heidi Mussachio, Lynne Knaze, Susie Kane, Lyn Binszkiewicz, Marie Clark, Joyce Pontrello, Sharon Moore, Judy Slawinski, Leslie Occhiuto, Aga Chen

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### Absent

Julia Tagget, Beth Stencil, Pam Weinrieb, Angela Lukas, Cheryl Greene, Antoinette Shriver, Steven Koniarczyk, Gary Schulenburg, Denise Cronyn

## Agenda

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### **Welcome-Alicia Thompson**

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

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

Amherst CSD has 2 new SLMS: Chad Moser (Windermere Elem) and Kristie Filonczak (Smallwood Elem)

Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD: William Wiesmore (WW Elem)

Kenmore Tonawanda UFSD: Bryan Sajecki (Kenmore East HS)

Lancaster CSD: Renee Harris (William St School)

Williamsville CSD: Brandon Morrissey (Dodge Elem)



Akron CSD: Laura Penn is Full time

Christian Central Academy: Joyce Pontrello is Full time

Frontier CSD is in the process of interviewing for a probationary Elem SLMS

Canisius High School is hiring for a PT SLMS.

Megan Moelbert mentioned SLAWNY Fall sharing is taking place Sat. October 11th at Olmsted Schools 7:30 am -2:00 pm

SLAWNY MS Network at Danny's on Nov 3rd

A.Thompson is looking for volunteers for the 2014-15 Council.

There was a general question and comment with the new BEDS process. The BEDS information is on the SLS website and additional info was sent to you if you are a member of the library automation CoSer.

### **Union Catalog and ILL :**

- Comment was made that the Union Catalog was cumbersome followed with a comment that some really like the new OPALS Union Catalog.
- The SLS office is strongly recommending that the Safari browser is used not Internet Explorer. It is on the MainPage of the Union Catalog. There have been several issues with the catalog for users when the internet explorer browser was used.
- There was a general question on how to get the stats for a number not a percent of items loaned and borrowed. The report information was revisited and demonstrated by Gary Cieszewski using Cleve Hill MS/HS as the model school.
- Question regarding the stats for ILLS in general and at the district level. It was explained that if you are solely using the OPALS for all ILL transactions ,including between school buildings within your districts that you will not have to use the form sent by the SLS Office to records the ILLS. If you are not using the OPALS Union Catalog to records transitions ILL transitions between district buildings , you must use the online monthly stats form sent from the SLS Office. All ILL transactions must be tracked and reported to the State. The SLS office will send out a questionnaire to the schools to see who is using solely the OPALS for ILLS or a combination.
- There was a question regarding the DO NOT REPLY that appears on the ILL request. If you need to reply to the requestor, you need to click on the note within ILL and make a public note. This will allow the requester to receive and see the message.
- Concern that some still do not know to use the union catalog. The WNYRIC Library Automation Pathfinder homepage was demonstrated by Gary Ciszewski. This was revisited as it was addressed last year. The WNYRIC pathfinder webpage has links to tutorial videos on how to create and submit ILL requests. If there are any general questions, call the SLS office and we will walk you thru the process.
- A Subject listserv was created to address concerns expressed last year. The listserv is thru the WNYLRC. It was explained that it is the only option available currently as the OPALS vendor is still working on an alternative.



- Additionally , Erie 1 is still working on a solution with the vendor to minimize the amount of paper used for ILL transactions.

### **Online Resources :**

- The online resources available for 2014-15 were reviewed. Discussed that the Business Admin for the district will be receiving the information soon.
- Discussed issues and concerns with subscriptions renewals. The SLS office is still working to resolve issues with ProQuest, EBSCO, Scoholatic.
- Question with the ebrary accounts. The issue has an open ticket and the problem is believed to be with IP addresses.
- Discussion regarding the subscriptions the SLS purchases. The info is with the BEDS information. There was a question regarding the Green file databases and A. Thompson will look into it. It was believe to be a free one offered thru NOVELNY.
- The SLS Membership directory is almost ready to be sent. The SLS is still collecting information from the SLMS for the directory. The directory is shared with local SLS directors, SED, WNYLRC and on the SLS webpage. It is password protected and not made available to any vendors.

### **CC Meeting Dates and the Role of the CC:**

Information of the future meeting dates in on the SLS Website and in CC folders

- The district designated CC is responsible for sharing out the info shared at the meeting with their colleagues, giving an general overview to the Tech Director , building admin.and or the teaching staff to show our importance in curriculum and the importance in attending the CC meetings.
- Discussed the general concern regarding Summer School and that any summer school program ( not including Drivers Ed) where students are taking courses for credit for promotion (including online programs ie Novet, Credit Recovery or similar)must have a certified SLMS.

### **Staff Development:**

- Mandarin Library Automation User Group Meeting , October 31 ,2014 at Erie 1 BOCES
- SLS Professional Development Day , Feb.2, 2015 at Erie 1 BOCES . The focus will be primary resources and what's new in YA
- Follett Users Group Meeting March 5, 2015 at Erie 1 BOCES
- Teaching Books.Net webinar April 15,2015 at Erie 1 BOCES
- SLAWNY Fall Sharing mentioned again by Stephanie Pritchard
- High School to College Committee is looking for for members . Heather D'amico shared where the information is available on the WNYLRC webpage and a general overview of the committee and its goals.

### **Legislation**

- Discussed the use of Netflicks in school and its conflict with copyright.Suggested that next year a workshop on copyright(article) This also lead way into discussion about school yearbooks. The discussion then lead to who addresses copyright questions and concerns at the district.
- Discussed the 2014 School Library Summit:NYLA /SSL position (article)
- Discussed Vision 2020 to have a mandated certified SLMS in all buildings.



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- **SLS 2014-15**
- A Thompson will visit and meet with the new SLMS at Amherst CSD
- The SLS webpage was used to add acct info regarding databases, has BEDS info

**Information Shared out:**

Megan Moelbert shared that Linda Sue Park will be a visiting author if 3 schools can be secured within the WNY region. Currently there are 2 school and 1 very interested school. The cost is \$1,000. A. Thompson suggested that an email be sent to the SLS office to put the word out in the News & Info .

## Next Meeting

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Next meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2014 – at Erie 1 BOCES Education Center

## Adjournment

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**Adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm.**

