



Communication Coordinator
Meeting Minutes 3/3/22

9:03 AM meeting called to order

Attendance: H. Damico, L. Kostempski, A.Schmidle, M. Unger, M. Moelbert, J. Patterson, J Worthington, L Martini, A Sobol, C. Goodwin, A. Marciniak, A. Young J. Donaldson, R. Harris, L. Penn, A. Marshall, F. Orosz, L. West and A. Thompson

Absent: C. Stockslader, R. Grabek, L. Biniszkiewicz, J. Pontrello, H. Ziemer

Unexcused: S. Delahunt, S. Obrochta and M. Krieb

Guests: A. Cohen, M. Kitchen, B. Cohen and K. Doughtry

Welcome to all. Noted welcome to new Communication Coordinator A. Schmidle and guests.

Motion to approve minutes with so noted changes L. Penn motioned to approve, seconded by J. Worthington, approved none opposed, no abstention, motion carries

Open issues – Announcements

Hamburg CSD: M. Moelbert given approval to hold annual event “Family Reading Night.” It is a district wide taking place March 25,2022 6:30- 9:00PM hawk creek owls “harry potter owls” activities on 2nd floor. The event is for all ages and the public is welcome.

Starpoint CSD: Fellow colleague L. Rizzo is retiring and with this comes come changes to the library program. These changes are making way to social media and other outlets.

Cheektowaga CSD: will hiring two librarians MS/HS and Union East ES, C. Goodwin is retiring at the end of the 21-22 school year.



Kenmore Tonawanda- will be hiring probationary certified SLMS for Fall 2022. It is a split position which travels 2 days a week, Kenmore West HS .6 and Ken East HS

Sweet Home CSD –H. Mussachio has A. Cohen this semester. She has both student teacher and substitute teaching experience

UB: MJ. Sicurella shared that the program is looking to place student teachers. Please contact her for more information

Depew UFSD: L. Martini shared there is potential position library aide at Depew HS

ON SLS Office: open position for SLS secretary

Kenmore Tonawanda UFSD: ES librarians set up selfie stations which were well received. The theme was Dr. Suess and well appreciated with the mask mandate lifted in schools.

Lancaster CSD: J. Donaldson shared no news to report at this time from the district

Maryvale UFSD: A. Marciniak shared programming update March book madness books in the bracket and kids and teachers vote, promoting books

Lackawanna City SD: M. Unger weeding out collection and getting the LMC set up. It is a new library department with all 3 new librarians. M. Unger is doing book bites for morning announcements. Students read summaries to promote reading and visiting the LMC

Frontier CSD: HS Jeff Schober their English teacher is an actual local author. There will be a local author presentation on Monday 3/7 at 1:30 pm

Cleve Hill UFSD: HS will be hosting Author Tiffany Jackson April 7, 2022. This has been rescheduled from pre-covid

Library Advocacy week is coming up. Please see the WNYLRC website for more information. We hope you can attend a advocacy session.



Cleve Hill UFSD: A. Marshall mentioned online virtual in service attended Kelsey Bogan. Bogan is a HS librarian in PA who is a social media influencer on tik tok. Every day, she has a book talk, “what it's like to be a librarian,” also called “Book Tok”. Bogan puts what's popular out on tik tok from the students and what they want. A. Marshall also shared her advocacy t-shirt created Admin Gerry Brooks ES principal in Lexington KY, “Librarian Strong Shirt” . He is on Instagram.

Erie 1 SLS Office: Hosted DEI PD Sessions - Dr. Kawanna Bright. A. Marshall was an attendee and thought it was very valuable. The first session could have been 2 but very valuable. A lot of good and useful information in the first session.

Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD: H. Damico shared an instance where diversification of library collection was questioned and noted as important by students who come into the LMC

Amherst CSD: A. Schmidle collaborated with social studies teacher to celebrate Black History Month

Frontier CSD: L. Wolski nonfiction outdated asked teachers survey for students what would they like to see in English class. Over 150 kids responded and worked together with Sharon Hurbese, Childrens Plus (CPI) A book company to put this info together. A. Thompson agrees you need to include student input also need to rely on public librarians, reach out to the UB program students could use assistance knowing the inner workings of library, admins make them aware, important to be a part of the library, keep you “wish list” ready. The survey will be shared and sent to a communication coordinators. Please share as necessary within your district.

Sweet Home CSD: H. Mussachio included new principal with a bookshelf “Mr. XX picks” right front and center in the library. This sharing was well received and gives a good way to promote your library among administrators and all users



West Seneca CSD: R. Carraba genrefied “teen issues” as it is one of the most popular section in the library. Students gravitate to it and mention most of the check outs come from. As the lead of the library program for her district, she regularly meets with admin. These meetings are very productive and address how the libraries impact the curriculum and the role the admin need to assist with in the curation of a robust K-12 library program within the district

Hamburg CSD: M. Moelbert shared that she has personally noticed how important diversity in the collection. She will be adding bookmarks in addition to the signage of national and local information for help. Any information found will be shared in a forthcoming email mail to the CC’s.

Grand Island CSD: Freda Orosz, shared last year they hosted Trudy Ludwig virtually and hoping to next year in have her person

Sweet Home CSD: remodeling maker space room, will send before and after pics after completed

Tonawanda City SD is still in capital project until next year

Depew UFSD received a grant for new tech wing

Clarence CSD: working hard with ENL teachers. R. Harris shared how a student located a Rosen SEL ebook title in the collection and the positive interaction it sparked

UB: MJ Sicurella reported nothing new. She then shared a reminder that the Ed TPA exam is going away. New York State coordinators got together with New York State Regents and asked to remove it as a barrier due to cost. The GRE requirement was also eliminated

SLPR Rubric: both online copy and paper copy are requested

Erie 1: M. Kitchen Innovation presentations “science fair” style help kids with public speaking with a science-based approach. Student driven posters made skill building and impact exploration for the first half of the year. Partnership with teachers and students. They meet 4 times a year. The Consortium for Student Empowerment Through Innovation, 13 districts currently participate in the program. School Librarian can be the lead for the program or can partner up with



a teacher. The program is part of the CSLO model school Coser. Contact M. Kitchen for more information. A. Thompson asked the CCs to bring this back to their districts, please share out with our administrators

News-o-Matic: Brandon Cohen joined us by zoom and discussed the subscription and features available. CC's are asked to share this information with those in the district that would find the nonfiction news databases useful and for consideration. The vendor will share information and extend the trial. The SLS Office will share this info later in a News & Info to the ES & MS membership

B&ECPL: Kristi Dougherty brought an assortment of VOX books. They are in high demand in the collection. They can be found in the public library catalog by searching VOX Books in the online catalog. The cost is between \$35-50 a book but highly recommends them for consideration. Gaming unplugged, board games need an adult to check out using your library card ages 17 and over. Storytime in a bag, sports equipment lending, soccer, lacrosse, badminton once you return the sports equipment, any fines are wiped clean. Read down your fines, reading logs based on how long you read, the fines will be erased. Libby by OverDrive, graphic novels classroom kids contains 30 copies, book club in a bag (10 copies), CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) Summer Reading theme: "Oceans of Possibilities" June 1- August 13 Next year's summer reading theme is theme "All Together Now." Additional information regarding B&ECPL including PowerPoint will be shared. CC's are encouraged to share this information as necessary within the district or school.

The SLS Office shared which schools still need to submit their monthly stats. CC's are asked to follow-up with any district colleagues who are delinquent to ask them to submit the missing stats starting with September 2021 to present. Any delays in submission can hold up the renewal of online database subscriptions orders for the 2022-23 school year.

The completed and signed SLPR is due March 31, 2022. The SLS Office will review and submit the plans to state. Any delays in submission can hold up the renewal of online database subscriptions orders for the 2022-23 school year.



The following professional development sessions are taking place for the remainder of the school year: Follett Users group AM and PM session will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, OPALS Users group on Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Friday May 13th PD, Collection, Selection & Objection. It will be offered in hybrid across the State. More information will be forthcoming within the next few weeks for the membership. The target audience for this is not limited to library. It is intended to be for all administrators, school attorneys, board members, all content area teachers and NYS Regents

Review of SLS 5-year plan for next meeting May

For the good of the order

Adjourned 2:15PM
