



Communications Coordinator

Meeting Minutes 12/7/2022

Attendance: J.Balk, J.Bork, T.Bulas, R.Carraba, A.Cohen, L. Dibello Wolski, A.Disalvo, S.Grimm, LA.Kostempski, A. Marciniak, A. Marshall, M. Moelbert, B.Pasek, J.Patterson, L.Penn, D.Schmidle, MJ. Sicurella, C.Stockslader, A. Young, H. Ziemer, K. Smith Zielinski, A. Thompson.

Absent: L.Binisiewicz, H.Damico, H.Mussachio, S.Obrochta, J.Pontrello

Guests: M.Duquette, P.Lebrenz, B.Wargo

Meeting called to order: 9:01 AM by A.Thompson

Roll call and introductions.

Motion: to approve September minutes. Motion made by C.Stockslader seconded B.Pasek. Approved 20 Opposed – 0. Motion Carried.

Open Issues – Announcements

Erie 1 Boces - Online database order form emails have gone out. Due back by Tues. Feb. 28th 23. 3PM.

Williamsville CSD – B.Pasek – Feels there are a lot of people who do not want books banned. Is coming up with a document to share with school boards and public figures to help getting culturally diverse and LGBTQ friendly books in the libraries.

Hamburg CSD – M.Moelbert talks about her district looking for a new assistant superintendent.

Cheektowaga CSD- A.Cohen New Superintendent S. Zipp made official and a new Literacy Coach in the Library at Union East Elementary School.

WNYLRC- Diverse Collection - \$500 grants applications to open shortly on WNYLRC website. Purchase direct titles to better reflect schools and students. February 28th 2023 is Library Advocacy Day. Putting videos on WNYLRC to share in Albany.

West Seneca – R.Carraba Secured a half day clerk for all of the elementary buildings and the EM now has a full day clerk in the library.

L.Penn, J.Balk shared information on Project LookSharp. Gave out handouts. Helping bridge the gap with banned books and having them still in circulation as well as understanding the banned book and cancel culture. Projectlooksharp.org for lots of great resources.

M.Duquette – Visual Literacy for ELLS – Using Graphic Novels are engaging by using images and words changing up learning getting kids excited. They are a great tool for all ages and families. Wordless media is highly engaging, allows for people to express in all language(s) they are comfortable with. Increases comprehension, boosts reading confidence and is for visual learners.

Overdrive – At the moment you can control access levels of OD collection to make titles from elementary to Middle School/High School. There is no time line yet on when it will be Individual student/title for 2023.

District Reconsideration Form- All forms do not have to be adopted but the district should be aware. These forms should accompany each title, showing why and what they are objecting. A board does not need to approve the form but they must be aware there is a form and what the form looks like.

Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD – A.Young is setting up a student advocacy in the library.

Maryvale UFSD – A. Marciniak recommended for tenure.

WNYLRC – H.Ziemer traveling exhibits are still available to have in the Library for a month.

For the good of the order

Motion to adjourn – Approved by B.Pasek seconded A. Marshall

Meeting adjourned 2:19PM