

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES School Library System
Council Meeting
September 26, 2017

Present: Ken Behling, Dara Berkwits, Patricia Canini, Juli Hoffman, Joe Mannozi, Teka McCabe, Sudha Narsipur, Cynthia Sandler, Kaitlin Torp, Sharon Wiggins

1. Meeting called to order
2. Approval of minutes 5/11/17
3. Nomination and election of council members
 - a. Ken Behling, Somers MS
 - b. Dara Berkwits, Mahopac HS
 - c. Sharon Wiggins, Chappaqua
4. Nomination of officers
 - a. Sudha Narsipur, Chair
 - b. Patricia Canini, Asst Chair
 - c. Dara Berkwits, Secretary
5. New business
 - a. Approval of SLS Annual Report for 2016-2017 - KT, KM
 - b. SLS Professional Development Offerings
 - i. Thank you to PD Subcommittee
 - ii. Utilized LMS survey responses to develop PD offerings
 - iii. Topics lined up and people who have expressed interest in facilitating the sessions. Spring facilitators are not locked in yet.
 - c. SLS Calendar for 2017-2018
 - d. Announcements from Council members of upcoming professional development opportunities
 - i. NYLA - SSL in Long Island May 2018
 - ii. Somers is a Microsoft District. They offer PD. Sign up on MLP. All educators are welcome.
 - iii. AASL - Phoenix Nov 2017
 - iv. ALA - New Orleans June 2018
 - e. WLS update
 - i. Battle of the Books - October?
http://wikis.westchesterlibraries.org/childrens/?page_id=1320
 - ii. Chappaqua Book Festival - October 14, 2017
<http://www.ccbfestival.org/>
6. Text Study: "5 Ways to Get Better at Asking for Help"
 - a. Open discussion
7. Next Council Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2017, 2p-3p
8. Open discussion
 - a. Protocols for all meetings?
 - b. Council's opportunity to run the network meeting activities
 - i. Next meeting topic - Weeding - Sudha and Kaitlin

- c. Google survey for anonymous feedback and shoebox at the meetings
- 9. Possibility for bringing in outside speakers or doing an “EdCamp”
 - a. Mindfulness
 - b. District attorney re: cybersafety
- 10. Creating a lively community for discussion
- 11. Meeting adjourned KM, SN

Submitted by DB

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Council Meeting
November 9, 2017

Present: Patricia Canini, Juli Hoffman, Joe Mannozi, Teka McCabe, Sudha Narsipur, Kaitlin Torp, Francine Vernon, Sharon Wiggins

1. Meeting called to order
2. Approval of minutes 9/26/2017
3. Roundtable Items
 - a. Librarian professional learning group: Facebook is blocked in many districts; other alternatives which have been suggested include Google Plus
4. New Business
 - a. Upcoming PD: Assistant District Attorney from High Crime Investigation Bureau will attend March 14, 2018 network meeting to present about internet safety (how to keep students safe online, how to turnkey information to faculty, specific recent cases regarding particular apps); additional suggestions for guest speakers will be gladly accepted- possible roundtable meeting for strategies to promote reading for pleasure
 - b. Session Evaluation: currently piloting online session evaluations using Google Forms; discussion about September 26 evaluation results
 - c. Looking for council members to facilitate upcoming PD opportunities & text study
 - d. Upcoming PD opportunities
 - i. Banned Books Symposium at College of Saint Mary, March 2018
5. Text Based Discussion
 - a. Open discussion
 - b. Motion to Adjourn (Pat motioned and Kaitlin seconded)

Respectfully submitted, JH

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES School Library System
Council Meeting
January 11, 2018

Present: Patricia Canini, Juli Hoffman, Joe Mannozi, Teka McCabe, Sudha Narsipur, Cynthia Sandler, Kaitlin Torp, Francine Vernon, and Sharon Wiggins

1. Meeting called to order
2. Approval of minutes 11/9/2017
3. Roundtable Items
 - a. Library networking get together with new and retired area librarians in the spring
4. New Business
 - a. Administrator Hall of Honor form approved and being sent out via the listserv
 - b. Need facilitator for Branding and promoting the school library network meeting. 2 keynotes have been identified for the annual conference; there will be no Exploratorium this year but breakouts will include presenters from inside our region (April 10, Southern Westchester BOCES)
 - c. Upcoming PD: Banned Books Symposium, Mount St. Mary, Newburgh (March 10)
 - d. WLS update: Battle of the Books, creating teams in communities that do not already have one (4th-10th graders are eligible)
5. Text Based Discussion
 - a. Open discussion: "Teach Students Resilience, Empathy, and More with Social Emotional Learning Strategies"- looking at how librarian can support SEL in students; running list of SEL books as a Google Doc; shared council folder
 - b. Motion to Adjourn

Submitted by JH

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES School Library System
Council Meeting
March 14, 2018

Present: Ken Behling, Juli Hoffman, Joe Mannozi, Teka McCabe, Sudha Narsipur, Cynthia Sandler, Kaitlin Torp, Francine Vernon, and Sharon Wiggins

1. Meeting called to order
2. Approval of minutes 1/11/2018: motioned by Sharon and seconded by Kaitlin
3. Roundtable Items
 - a. none
4. New Business
 - a. Administrator Hall of Honor: principal of Carrie E. Tompkins school
 - b. Professional Development update: branding and promoting workshop was cancelled; annual conference is April 10 and council members will be volunteering; last network meeting of the year is upcoming. Looked at school library system professional development questionnaire and made modifications to what will be sent out for the PD committee to examine for next year (reworked PD topic suggestions and facilitation questions).
 - c. Council members facilitating PD activities-- next year we'll have a sign up at the beginning of the year for council members to claim one meeting to lead a text study. We will look at changing the text study from the council meetings to the general network meeting so all librarians in the region can benefit from the thoughtful discussion. This will be added as a facilitating option to the PD questionnaire form.
 - d. May: SLJ's Day of Dialogue & Tech Expo. June: ISTE. July: Scholastic Reading Summit.
 - e. WLS update: library/community conversations on the effect of adverse experiences in childhood on young people. New: offering online trainings for librarians and families to help children as early readers (pre entry to school support). Lynda.com offers tutorials with library card. Discussed possibility of a brochure to advertise public library resources for teachers but would need to be library specific as some libraries have different resources available.
5. Text Based Discussion
 - a. Will be rolled into network meetings, call for volunteers including those members of the council who would like to select resources to share out
 - b. Next meeting is May 16th (optional fireside chat afterwards)
 - c. Council members encouraged to attend PD subcommittee meeting
6. Motion to Adjourn: motioned by Teka and seconded by Sudha