

**Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES
School Library System Council Meeting
MINUTES – October 6, 2011**

Present: Karen Baker, Nina Levine, Marifran DeMaine, Donna Barrata, Susan Polos, Martha Taylor, Judy Ashby (SLS Director) Excused: Kathy Batchelor, Linda Chapman, John Sexton, Mary DeBellis.

Donna Barrata called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

The Council read the minutes of the last meeting of May 12, 2011. Marifran DeMaine made a motion to approve, and Nina Levine seconded it. The minutes were approved.

SLS Council Leadership for 2011-2012

A new Nominating Committee was established. Its members are: Donna Barrata, Mary DeBellis and Martha Taylor. The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of nominees: Susan Polos for Vice-Chairperson, Karen Baker for Secretary, Amalia Connolly as an Elementary Representative, and Brendan Breen as a High School Representative. Martha Taylor made a motion to accept the chosen nominees, and Susan Polos seconded it. The position of Chairperson of the Council is still to be determined. The members will begin their terms with the December Council meeting.

School Library System Pending Initiatives

Judy Ashby reported on the following:

- The **School Library System Evaluation** had 39 responders and all were positive. There were comments and constructive criticisms offered.
- She plans to streamline the **database management** for BOCES that will also benefit all member libraries. She will provide a link to all available databases for each school.
- **Database user groups workshops** will be offered through the year. The intention for future meetings is to focus on one database each session
- She is preparing to create a **new website** for SLS with easier access, linked from the BOCES page.
- She would like to create new promotional material to support and highlight the instructional role of the LMS when implementing the Common Core Standards which will be given to administrators.
- She asked for input from the Council concerning Professional Development offerings. The Council agreed that it was a good idea to have these PD workshops following a morning Network Meeting. They felt that ½ day was preferred over full day.
- A possible workshop on **APPR** may be offered after the next network meeting in November. We need to create a crosswalk and talk about acceptable artifacts.
- She would like to update the **Union Catalog**.
- She would like to add **eBook** purchasing through BOCES and would look into possible discounts. She would like a subcommittee of the Council to help educate members about eBooks. Nina Levine would like to be part of this subcommittee.
- She would like to update the **School Library System directory** with photos of member librarians and will ask again for submissions.

A School Librarian is... Multi-Media Project

This slide show for Library Advocacy will be put on hold for now.

Bridge the Gap Conference

This event be help November 29. Judy will send out save the date announcements. One of the speakers will be Adam Bellows. There may be a session on APPR. The subcommittee to help in the planning and organizing of Bridge the Gap are: Marifran DeMaine, a non-council member to be invited, and Nina Levine as advisor.

Fireside Chat

Marifran DeMaine will make the arrangements and invite our members to the semi-annual Fireside Chat. It will be held after our December 6 Council meeting.

School Library System Plan of Service for 2012-2016

This will be due April 1, 2012. Judy will look at it and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

Cooperative Collection Development Plan

The Council will review.

Mission Statement for the School Library System

The Council will work on this.

Information Fluency Curriculum

Many BOCES are adopting the NYC model by Barbara Stripling. The Council would like to evaluate it. They would like to have discussions about the links between Information Fluency Curriculum and APPR.

The next Library Council meeting will be on December 6, 2011.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Baker and seconded by Donna Barrata.
The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by Martha Taylor
Secretary of the SLS Council

Footnote:

The Council members expressed their thanks and appreciation to retired members Carole Clark and Tamara Hervey for their dedication and service, as well as to John Monahan for his many years of committed leadership as Director of the SLS.

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Donna Baratta called the meeting to order at 3:45pm.

The council members reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting of October 6, 2011. Marifran DeMaine made a motion to approve the minutes, with one correction (Amalia Connolly should be identified as the incoming Council Chair, not only an elementary representative). Brendan Breen seconded the motion and the revised minutes were approved.

SLS Council Leadership for 2011-2012

Donna Baratta introduced the new Council leaders and formally transferred power to them:

- Chairperson: Amalia Connolly
- Vice-Chairperson: Susan Polos
- Secretary: Karen Baker

In addition, Brendan Breen has joined the Council as a High School Representative. Since a number of Council members will be finishing their terms at the end of this year, it will be important for us to involve as many non-Council members as possible when planning SLS activities and events; this will help prepare others to assume Council positions as they become available.

SLS Library Space

Judy Ashby reported that since BOCES has discontinued their AV repair service, more space will be available which will allow the Professional Library space to be rearranged. All of the ERIC microfiche files will be moved to former AV repair room, and the library shelving and furniture will be moved to create a more open, collaborative workspace.

SLS Web presence

Council members agreed that a more interactive web presence would be advantageous for the SLS in order to foster greater professional connections among members. One possibility is to create a wiki, which could be accessed via a link on the BOCES SLS site. However, in the past neither a wiki nor an online Goodreads group have been used very much, in part because many SLS members are unfamiliar with the technology. Donna Baratta suggested that part of the next network meeting time be used for hands-on wiki training. Each SLS member at the meeting could be taught how to populate a contact information page with his/her own data. Hopefully, this will increase comfort level with the tool and encourage more active participation. Judy Ashby will create an SLS wiki prior to the January network meetings.

