

OCM BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
Rodax 7 Conference Room: 3:30 – 5:15 P.M.

Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions

Council –

Present: Judith Dzikowski, R.J. DeLisle, Renee Hill, Kay Budmen, Deirdre Joyce, Steve Garraffo, Monica Norton, Heather Turner, Susan Camille (SLS)

Absent: Thayer Miller, Deb Abbott, Cathleen Hendrick, Pat Mason, Christopher Nelson, Jeff Craig (OCM BOCES ISS)

Judi welcomed all.

II. Approval of Jan. 24, 2011 Council minutes – 1st Renee Hill and 2nd Kay Budmen

III. System Topics

- **Administrator/Advocate of the Year-** R.J. DeLisle has been awarded. The luncheon will be on May 11th, with Anthony Rotolo, Syracuse University, as guest speaker. Student speakers will be arranged. At the Combined Meeting that follows, Mary Beth Farr, State Education Department, Division of Library Development, will speak about SED updates. Librarians have been invited to create displays showcasing 21st Century learning initiatives.
- **Legislation** – There have been 5 cuts to library funding in the past 2 years. At the same time, library usage is increasing. Mandates for middle school libraries and librarians are at particular risk for being cut. Advocacy is needed more than ever and does make a difference.
- **Professional Development** –
 - **LC Model** – Learning Commons initiatives will be continued in 11/12 school year.
 - **Assessment in the Learning Commons** – Kim Loucks will present a workshop April 6th.
 - **Fall Conference** – Doug Johnson will be the keynote. Judi will bring in local presenters again next year in place of a featured speaker. Judi has asked Larry Paska of State Ed. to present a workshop session. The Liverpool District librarians would like to present an advocacy workshop.
 - There was a discussion of how the current economic situation might affect professional development in districts: would approvals be granted for people to attend, subs, release from school, etc. Judi discussed the idea of SLS's funding of subs or offering pro. dev. through videoconferencing. Judi also asked about frequency of opportunities, whether SLS should cut back on the number of offerings or move toward fuller but less frequent workshop days. Suggestions are welcome for Conference and pro. dev. opportunities and/or assistance.
- **Gale Virtual Core Library** – about 25-30% of online resources purchased through SLS are Gale products. SLS has arranged for a group purchasing deal for the region of a virtual core library (VCL) for grades 7-12. Outlines of pricing were given out. After surveying LMSs about which Gale resources they wished included in the VCL, SLS arranged for 3 packages: Opposing Viewpoints in Context (OVIC), Student Resources in Context (SRC), and the two together. The package pricings are based on the VCL being purchased by 45 eligible schools in the region. This information was distributed to Communications Coordinators in March, with a deadline of April 8th to inform SLS of whether the eligible schools in their district would purchase the VCL. If fewer than 45 schools decide to purchase, Judi will need to renegotiate the package prices with Gale.
- **District Budgets** – A discussion was held about if the Gale VCL packages would be available for 12/13 because of the possible difficulties of districts' purchasing it this year. As districts struggle with budget cuts, perhaps this is not the year for the VCL deal. Judi acknowledged the districts'

positions and expressed optimism that the VCL will be achievable. She will continue to negotiate with Gale as she receives VCL purchasing decisions from districts. Judi will present the VCL to the BCIC group of curriculum administrators. Concerning district budgets in general, Judi asked the Council to let her know what SLS can do to assist (i.e., sub reimbursements, professional development, etc.) and how SLS can help districts navigate the current economic crisis. Although Judi cannot directly contact district boards of education (which is outside the scope of SLS's services), SLS will assist with support and services. A Council member remarked that SLS has helped by supporting advocacy and providing reports, presentations, and evidence of the importance of school libraries. This support has helped improve the outlook for budget proposals for this member's district. Renee Hill offered Syracuse University iSchool's assistance with advocacy to stop budget cuts for school libraries and for interested parties to contact her. The public libraries and CLRC also are working to support library aid.

- **SED Budget** – About \$34,000 in Supplemental Aid has been received. Judi will earmark it for professional development and a K-8 e-book collection as part of the Virtual Core Library. The second year of the 2010-12 LSTA Grant funds will be received and are set for use in further website development.
- **CoSer Budget**- The Initial Service Requests in total came out a little ahead of last year's purchases. Judi is not increasing prices. Judi will have a good idea of Final Service Request amounts by the next Council meeting. The FSR process will be completed April 22nd.
- **E-Books/E-Readers** – Judi is planning an e-book collection for elementary schools. SLS is also planning on offering sets of Kindle, Nook, and SONY e-readers, each set with similar content. These sets will be available for Interlibrary loan so that schools/libraries can compare the three brands. This plan is in response to the numerous calls Judi receives about which e-reader to buy. There was a general discussion about purchasing e-books – allowable purchases, available vendors, purchasing policies. Librarians should be involved in managing e-books, which consists of device management and content management. Librarians also can teach ethical use and digital information skills, both part of 21st Century learning.
- **AASL Crosswalk of Standards for the 21st Century Learner & Common Core Standards** – Judi showed the website for the Common Core crosswalk. One Council member has recently used the crosswalk and found it most helpful. SLS possibly may obtain a printed copy to distribute to the region. SLS will focus on Common Core Standards in 11/12 and offer workshops.
- **Council Membership** – Judi reminded the Council of expiring member terms. Thayer Miller will be retiring. Judi asked R.J. DeLisle to consider accepting Council Chair. Decisions about renewing terms and suggestions for council members will be discussed at the May 2011 meeting. The Council schedule of meetings will be planned soon, with meetings in Oct., Jan., Mar. & May.
- **Plan of Service 2011-16** – The Plan of Service will be written in 11/12 school year for the four years of 2012-2016. The existing Plan of Service has been extended to cover 2011. The POS drives what SLS does and is used to set goals.
- **Interlibrary Loan** – SLS has been given a Mimio Teach (device that creates an interactive projection) to offer for Interlibrary loan. This unit was donated, but SLS will purchase the tablet accessory for the Mimio package.
- **SLS Positions** – Bill Wipper will fully retire on June 30th. His position will be filled with an Information Systems Coordinator, which will move SLS operations toward virtual rather than hardware services. SLS plans to fill the position before May. SLS will also hire a part-time Account Clerk III by June to fill Teresa Joy's position.
- **NYSACE Conference** – Judi and Mary Tiedemann will present Literacy Across the Board on March 31 at the NYSACE Conference at SUNY Cortland.

IV. Other

- **Administrator/Advocate of the Year Luncheon is scheduled for May 11, 2011, with the Combined Meeting in the afternoon.**