

OCM BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Communication Coordinators Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2011; 12:45 – 3:15 P.M.; Location: CNYRIC Conference Rms 1 & 2

Minutes

I. **Welcome & Introductions** – Judi welcomed all and introduced guest Kraig Pritts, Supt. Tully CSD.

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Present: Justin Ashworth, Baldwinsville, Kathy Elliott, Cazenovia; Martha Tuning, Cincinnatus; Jackie Alex, Chittenango; Kimberly Hayden, Cortland; Ira Tobak, DeRuyter; Renee Wiles for East Syracuse Minoa, Kathy Barlow for Fabius Pompey; Linda Freytag, Fayetteville-Manlius; Kathy Ballard for Homer; Cynthia Dudczak, Jamesville-Dewitt; Marcie Mann, LaFayette; Kay Budman, Liverpool; Jackie Derouchie, Lyncourt; Tammy McDougal, Marathon; Steve Nabinger, Marcellus; Rebecca Cornell, McGraw; Darci LaRose, North Syracuse; Ellen Pristash, Onondaga; Heather Turner, Solvay; Autumn Meldrim, Tully; Jane Rose, West Genesee; Karen Fenner, Westhill; Roseann Sunser, Holy Cross; Karen Shull, CBA; Parker O'Mara, Bishop Ludden

Guests: Kraig Pritts, Tully; Jeff Craig, OCM BOCES ISS **SLS:** Judi Dzikowski, Mary Tiedemann, Sue Camille

Absent: Cathleen Hendrick, Bishop Grimes; Liza Morrison, Manlius Pebble Hill; Sherry Luchansky, St. Mary (Cortland); Linda Hart, Holy Family; Donna Alcott, Immaculate Conception; Sue Muray, St. Charles, Kelly McCann, St. Mary (B'ville); Susan Borello, St. Margaret's; Sr. Mary Jogues, St. Rose of Lima; Judy Gianforte, Montessori School; Cathleen Petosa, Syracuse Hebrew Day School

II. **Approval – Nov. 15, 2010 CC minutes:** Linda Freytag, first; Ira Tobak, second; unanimously accepted

III. System Topics

- **E-Readers-** Kraig Pritts, Superintendent of Tully CSD, after presenting at the CNYRIC on e-readers from a superintendent's point of view, spoke to the CCs about Tully's e-reader initiatives using Kindles. Kraig stated that his Kindle is "like having an entire locker of books" in his pocket. He reviewed the Kindle features and how he uses it in his work day. Kraig also spoke about administrative support, the benefit of using e-readers to further digital instruction, and the importance of working for change by administrators so that students can move forward in instruction, which they are ready and willing to do.
- **APPR** – Jeff Craig spoke about Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). Jeff and his APPR committee are keeping tabs on the process, but it is still in draft stage and too early to know all details. The schedule of when provisions will go into effect is based on school union contract and subject area of teacher. When provisions do go into effect, part of the review will be evidence of observable student achievement. Jeff advised LMSs to familiarize themselves with APPR regulations but not begin acting on them yet. APPR information is posted on the ISS and SLS websites.
- **Common Core State Standards** – Jeff also spoke about Common Core Standards that will go into effect July 1, 2011. The State Education Dept. (SED) will begin making assessments on new standards in the near future. SED will offer curriculum models for optional use. Jeff noted that Partnership Assessments of Readiness for College & Career (PARCC) tests will eventually take the place of Regents Exams. Jeff advised that while it is challenging to have many changes at the same time as a budget crisis, "we can emerge better than before." Judi asked CC's to contact her if they need a workshop in Common Core Standards.
- **ASCD Collection & CK12 Flex Textbooks-** Jeff and Judi reviewed the ASCD Collection of professional e-books that OCM BOCES purchased for the region. Judi asked for feedback from the CCs regarding their use of e-books. Jeff also spoke about the CK12 Flex Textbook collection, which are "customizable, standards-aligned, free digital textbooks for K-12." A link to the CK12 website has been posted on the SLS website.
- **Professional Development** – E-Knowledge workshops: Mary T. is looking for suggestions from CC's for a workshop subject
 - **E-knowledge Workshop:** Jane Rose and Autumn Meldrim presented "Tools, Tips & Tricks for Using iPod Touches in the Library Learning Commons" in the morning of Jan. 13th.
 - **Apple iPod Touch/iPad Workshop:** Transitioning to a Digital Learning Environment will be held on Feb. 10. Topics will be use of multiple devices, managing a class set, and how to

leverage digital devices to learning. A morning and an afternoon session will be offered. Open to LMSs, teachers, and administrators.

- **Allison Zmuda**- Allison will present a Special Session on Feb. 15, based on her new book. She will look at selected chapters and how they apply to the learning commons model.
- **LC21** - A virtual field trip to the Chelmsford, MA, learning commons library with Valerie Diggs will be on January 24th. Allison Zmuda will return for Day 3 on Feb. 17, to look at the plans created by the teams using AASL and SED standards.
- **CNY21** – The last follow up session to the CNY21 Conference will be held Feb. 16.
- **Everything Google**- Meg Ormiston will present on March 8 about Google tools for educational technology. This workshop is cosponsored by SLS, ISS, and the CNYRIC.
- **Assessment in the Learning Commons** – Kim & Carolyn Loucks will present on April 6th.
- **2011 Fall Conference** – Doug Johnson will be the keynote. The local presenters from the 2010 Conference were so well received that Judi will bring in local presenters again next year in place of a featured speaker. Judi also asked for suggestions for workshop topics. There also was a general discussion of Judi's suggestion to cut back on food/refreshments rather than raising the price of the conference, with several CC's offering feedback that they are in favor of this idea (fewer refreshments/smaller lunch instead of a raise in conference registration fee).
- **ENABLE Grants** – Syracuse University is offering ENABLE Grants that will be awarded to librarians and teacher partners to facilitate special needs instruction, with grant awards to be announced 1/14.
- **Administrator/Advocate of the Year Award** – Judi called for nominations of library supporters.
- **Advocacy** – NYLA Lobby Day will be Mar. 1, 2011. Judi urged CC's to bring students to Albany.
- **Colorado Study** – There was discussion of the Third Colorado Study: 2010 A Closer Look Report. that outlines ways libraries increase student learning. Education is increasingly data-driven, and libraries are the ones who have the most data-driven evidence of student achievement.
- **SED Budget** – SLS has received \$167,000+ in state funding, which is below average and was a reduction of about 10%. For the past few years, supplemental aid has been given, and SLS is still waiting. Automation aid of \$15,091 came in. Despite the reductions, Judi will try to not increase pricing on SLS BOCES services.
- **Initial Service Request** – Mary T. reviewed the process for the Initial Service Request and the next step for the Final Service Request. CC's need to compare what they asked for in the ISR with what their business officials entered in Wincap. Wincap reports by district were distributed. FSR forms will be issued electronically once all pricing and product changes are entered by SLS.
- **Online Resources** – Mary T. reviewed the major changes in products. She will detail all changes and distribute in a document. Newsbank may be discontinued within the next few months. Teachingbooks probably will be maintained. Rosen Teen Health & Wellness was partially purchased by SLS this year. Libraries will need to order it as a purchase for 11/12. THW is a valuable resource. Marcie Mann showed student created PSAs using THW as a resource. The video was submitted for consideration for a video contest sponsored by Rosen.
- **Final Service Request** – Mary T. urged all CC's to make sure they know who the official is to speak/work with and talk to that person. A signature line for business officials has been added to the FSR form. The form with the original signature of the business official is an official document. Mary urged the CC's to be sure to have the business official sign the FSR form; send the original FSR form to SLS; be sure to use the SLS issued form, not a self-created one; and to be sure to send back the entire FSR form packet, even blank pages. If only part of the packet is sent back, SLS cannot verify whether the pages were blank because they were not used or if the pages had purchases listed but were misplaced. Mary invited suggestions for the improvement of this process. Judi is very willing to work with new business officials and/or their assistants to facilitate the process.
- **Basic Virtual Resources** – CC's were surveyed as to which resources they wanted included in the collection. Judi expressed that Opposing Viewpoints would make the most sense. There was a general discussion of products and pricing negotiations.

IV Other: Meeting dates: March 16, 2011, May 11, 2011, 1:15-3:15 (Combined with Council)