

**OCM BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM
COMBINED COUNCIL AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATORS MEETING
LOCATION: BARBAGALLO'S RESTAURANT, E. SYRACUSE**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions

Communication Coordinator –

Present: Justin Ashworth, Baldwinsville; Cathleen Hendrick, Bishop Grimes; Parker O'Mara, Bishop Ludden; Karen Shull, CBA; Mary Klucznik, Chittenango; Kathy Elliott, Cazenovia; Kim Hayden, Cortland; Martha Tuning, Cincinnatus; Ira Tobak, DeRuyter; Linda Freytag, FM; Kathy Barlow, Fabius Pompey; Gary Seymour, Homer; Marcie Mann, LaFayette; Jessica Vadney, Liverpool; Steve Nabinger, Marcellus; Rebecca Cornell, McGraw; Tammy McDougal, Marathon; Heather Turner, No. Syracuse; Ellen Pristash, Onondaga Central, Kathy Barstow, Solvay; Autumn Meldrim, Tully; Jane Rose, West Genesee; Karen Fenner, Westhill

SLS Staff: Judi Dzikowski, Mary Tiedemann, Susan Camille, Laurie Egan

Guests: Michael Borges, Exec. Director, NYLA; Mary Beth Farr, NYSED Div. Library Development

Absent: Tina Nabinger, ESM; Cindy Dudczak, Jamesville Dewitt; Roseann Sunser, Holy Cross; Liza Morrison, MPH; Linda Hart, Holy Family; Jackie Derouchie, Lyncourt; Donna Alcott, Immaculate Conception; Sue Murray, St. Charles, Syr. & St. Mary, B'ville; Sue Borello, St. Margaret's; Helen Holl, St. Mary (Cortland); Sr. Mary Jogues, St. Rose of Lima; Jackie Acevedo, St. Daniel/St. Matthew; Judy Gianforte, Montessori School of Syracuse; Dawn Marmor, Syracuse Hebrew Day School

Council –

Present: Michael Brown, Deb Abbott, Kay Budmen, R.J. DeLisle, Patricia Mason, Christopher Nelson

Absent: Thayer Miller, Renee Franklin, Penelope Klein, Liza Morrison, Robert Sauro

II. Approval – March 16th CC minutes – 1st Linda Freytag and 2nd Marcie Mann & **April Council minutes** 1st Pat Mason and 2nd R.J. DeLisle.

III. Guest Michael Borges, Executive Director of New York Library Association, spoke regarding the State budget and funding for libraries.

- He advised LMSs to run their libraries like a small business and to show the value of their libraries. Michael also made a number of suggestions for LMSs to make advocacy connections: talk to your PTA and make connections to parents; connect with college libraries/librarians to see what skills K-12 students need to be prepared for college; talk to your school/district's funding authorities; having student speakers (like Carly Cox) at events helps to show the value of your school library; document student testimonials; and support and attend advocacy events, such as the Administrator/Advocate of the Year luncheon.
- A general discussion of modeling and college preparation followed.

IV. System Topics

- **Plan of Service Highlights** – A handout of highlights was distributed. Judi briefly reviewed the highlights, including:
 - Board game and equipment loans. Judi suggested that if anyone is interested, they could take an item for a year's loan to explore and evaluate.
 - Continuing Education/professional development – This is one of SLS's strongest areas. Training helps LMSs leverage what they do. More school leaders/administrators have been attending SLS professional development workshops.
 - SLS has concentrated on collecting evaluation data from professional development sessions, along with other ISS departments, to direct future department goals.
 - The ASCD collection has been expanded.
 - Technology – SLS continues to promote iPod/iPod Touch usage. Judi encouraged non-public schools, if interested, to contact her to discuss exploring iPod instructional technology.

- Advocacy – Judi’s and SLS’s advocacy efforts are made with the goal of making connections outside the region to bring the best back into the region.
- **PALS** – Partners in Achievement: Libraries and Students – For 10/11, Judi anticipates one tier. Assemblyman Stirpe Legislative Grant will support this initiative.
- **End-of-Year SLS Survey** – Survey will be opened by SLS by 5/14/10, with deadline for completion of 6/11/10. The Council voted to approve the survey: Deb Abbott 1st; Mike Brown 2nd; all present in favor. New this year is a website evaluation question meant to gather feedback in anticipation of the revamping of the website this summer. Survey results help drive SLS efforts. Please take the time to fill it out; your input is always valued.
- **LSTA Grant 2010-2012** – SLS has been awarded an invitational, 2-year grant that will be used to revamp the SLS website. This project will be done by Judi, Mary Tiedemann, Justin Ashworth, Jeff Craig & Josh Seitz (CNYRIC).
- **2009- 10 SLS Mini-grants** – Grant recipients Karen Fenner, Jane Rose, Sue Kowalski, Tina Nabinger and Lindsay Cesari displayed posters on their grant projects. Judi complimented the creativity of these and all the grant projects completed with these mini-grants. Project awards and summaries are posted on website.
- **Council Membership** – There are two expiring and one vacant member(due to retirement) terms. Comm. Coords. are asked to please forward any suggestions to Judi.
- **SED Budget** – Per Michael Borges, there is a further cut proposed. The State is still in flux regarding School Library Systems funding.
- **SLS Budget/Final Service Requests** – The final service requests came in with less of a total reduction than was anticipated. Some of the FSRs had discrepancies between what the LMS asked for and what the Business Official put through. Mary T. has created a report of discrepancies that need to be addressed. These will be issued within the next two days. The Comm. Coords. who receive a report should check their FSR and contact their Business Official to make the adjustments listed.
- **October 28th SLS Annual Fall Conference** – Dr. Ross Todd will be the keynote, presenting on evidence based practice and learning commons. Deborah Taylor will be the featured speaker. Technology presenters will be sought locally from within the SLS regions.
- **Online Resources** - For 2010/11 SLS will sponsor Teen Health & Wellness for all MS/HS schools through the Senator Valesky Special Legislative Grant (if funded). Brain Pop ESL instructional resource will be available for all schools (?). Focuses on English Language Learner and struggling readers.
- **Rethink, Retool, Reinvent** – Jeff Craig spoke briefly to say that this past year has been great, but next year will be better, and for all to “think 21st Century skills!” Judi discussed SLS’s plan for 2010/11 to build a cadre of school leaders from LMSs and reminded all to read the Allison Zmuda handout, “The Mission of the 21st Century Library,” in preparation for next school year. Allison and David Loertscher will be among those who will come in to the region to present on the library mission & learning commons themes.
- **LMC article** – Judi, Mary T. and Justin Ashworth are writing a collaborative article that will appear in the August/September issue of the Library Media Connection journal.
- **Professional Development-**
 - **CNY 21 Conference, July 13-15** – 22 3-day and 3 1-day Scholarships were awarded.
 - **SLMS/NYLA Leadership Retreat** – SLS is offering conference grants for LMSs to attend.
 - **Professional Reading Group** – More book groups will be offered in 2010/11. All group discussion will be online. This program has proven successful with participants.
 - **E-Knowledge training** – Will continue for 2010/11. Please forward topic suggestions to Mary T.
- **SLIMPE Rubric/Membership Plan** – Mary Beth Farr, State Education Dept., Division of Library Development, spoke about the suitability of using the SLIMPER as a Membership Plan.
- **Plan of Service 2011-16** – Mary Beth also advised that the SLIMPER can be used as recommendations for developing the 5-year Plan of Service. The Council will develop and approve the 2011-16 POS this upcoming year.
- **Retirees** – Judi acknowledged retiring LMSs Kathy Barstow, Solvay HS, and Allen Shreffler, Tully HS.

V. Other: 2010/11 Meeting Dates: The Combined Meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2011

**Council Meetings – Oct 6 (W); Dec 14 (Tue) (in Dec to discuss Plan of Service); Mar 29 (Tue).
Communications Coordinators Meetings – Sept 29 (W); Nov 15 (M); Jan 13 (Th);
 Mar 16 (W).**