

Communication Coordinator Meeting
Tuesday September 9, 2013
12:45pm – 3:00pm
Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions

Marcie Mann called the meeting to order at 12:45.

Welcome Arlene Frei and new CCs from districts.

II. Approval of the May 8, 2013 Combined Council/CC Meeting minutes (posted on SLS website sls.ocmboces.org)

1st Heather Turner 2nd Ellen Pristash Approved.

III. SLS System Topics

- ❖ **Hugh Ahearn, Mackin** presented re: leveling your catalog, particularly good for CCLS. Mackin will level items in your catalog with lexile/AR/F&P levels. Not every book in your catalog will have a level, i.e. Scholastic doesn't lexile their materials. Autumn Meldrim (Tully) spoke to this. Standard pricing for one tag = \$249. Additional tags = \$99. Marcie and Hugh will explore "volume" pricing options, so if you're interested, please let her know. Price will go down with more libraries participating. Hugh also presented other Mackin products as well: VIA – ebook platform, books, booklists based on the modules.
- ❖ **Core Research Day, October 25th**. Jenny Fanelli (CI&A), Phyllis Litzenberger (CI&A) and Catie Reeve (Network Team) came to discuss the Core Research Day regional professional development opportunity. In July, CI&A came to SLS seeking input. They would like teacher/librarian teams come to the regional PD day to work on inquiry based learning. Marcie presented a ppt of what that day will look like and asked librarians to either show the ppt at a faculty meeting or handout the flyer for the day. Registration is NOT through mlp, but through Lynn Radicello – link from Marcie materials. (These will be posted on our SLS website.) Core Research Day is October 25th. Marcie's ppt provided information on resources (webpage devoted to research – ODELL) linked from IS department pages and based on the CCLS standards. Core Research planners will present to BCIC on Sept. 19.
- ❖ **Patron Uploads**. Two major items. Patron information is not available for upload until right at the beginning of the school year. SLS currently does not have ability to "pull" SchoolTools information. That has to be done for us by request to the RIC. Question: would you rather have the patron information sooner, but incomplete? Or first week of school, but much more complete? Librarians indicated they would like more complete information, even if it's later. SLS is looking into ways to access that information without having to request it from RIC staff. We will meet with the RIC staff to explore this. We will work to get elementary records in early. Data is input at the school level, not at SLS or RIC level.
- ❖ **Staff Notes**. We will work to keep you informed re: staff absences with a note to the list serv using the Subject line judiciously. David St. John is part-time. His availability is: 8am – 2/3pm, except Thursdays, when he leaves earlier.
- ❖ **Visiting you**. Marcie will be scheduling visits with you. Mary will also be setting up school visits. All in all, we hope to visit all of you at least once this year.
- ❖ **NovelNY**. Opposing Viewpoints has been added to the list this year – in August and has created some GALE issues for us that we are working with Danielle Bleecher to resolve.
- ❖ **CCD Deadline is December 1st**.
- ❖ Autumn Meldrim, LMS, Tully Elementary, "Putting the IFC to work in the elementary school". At Tully, a google doc was created with all ELA standards in it, every grade level had a tab and within grade levels, there is a library tab. Each CCLS that was addressed in library was documented in the google doc. This allowed Autumn to see what standards were being "hit" at each grade level and where there were gaps. Autumn commented on how useful this tool has been in educating teachers, administrators and parents on what librarians are doing to meet CCLS. Autumn uses "I can" statements to show student progress with CCLS. Library work is sent home regularly showing how it related to the CCLS. Autumn used Mackin to

level her catalog. Autumn's contact at Mackin: Connie Neidt (connie@mackin.com) Outcomes: Tully Elem students have created "My Lexile is... cards and they choose one item at their lexile level and one item at any level. Students are more successful in choosing materials that they will be successful with. Autumn is using Mavis Beacon Typetolearn Jr. and typingweb.com (Free webtool) for PAARC assessment readiness.

- ❖ **New PD opportunities** from Mary Tiedemann. Mary would like our PD to be responsive – librarian directed. After Hours PD: Twice/month from 4 – 6pm. We'll come to you or you can come to us. Mary will be visiting libraries and coming to district meetings to see what your areas of need are. Mary wants to be sure you are receiving the SLS newsletter. If you have any information for the newsletter, please contact Mary. Make sure you sign up to receive it. Mary is open to suggestions, please contact her! Upcoming: Twitter Book Club!
- ❖ **FALL CONFERENCE.** Save the date, **November 4.** MLP registration will be up and running by the end of this week. Please register via mlp.
- ❖ **2013 – 2014 Meeting dates**
 - Wed. Feb. 26, Wed. April 30, Wed. May 14.

Marcie called for the meeting to adjourn at 3:00pm
1st Cathleen Hendrick 2nd Heather Turner