

# OCM BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 6, 2010  
Rodax 8: 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

## Minutes

### I. Welcome & Introductions

#### Council –

**Present:** Judith Dzikowski, R.J. DeLisle, Steve Garraffo, Cathleen Hendrick, Christopher Nelson, Monica Norton, Heather Turner, Jeff Craig (OCM BOCES ISS), Susan Camille (SLS)

**Absent:** Thayer Miller, Deb Abbott, Renee Franklin, Pat Mason, Kay Budmen, Penelope Klein,

Judi welcomed all and introduced all Council members

### II. Approval of May 12, 2010 Council minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Nelson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Garraffo

### III. System Topics

- **Council Membership** – Judi reviewed the Council Membership list.
- **SLS Funding** – Judi reviewed NYS funding. SLS is under Municipalities in the NYS funding stream. OCM SLS was allocated to receive about \$225,000 but received just about \$152,000 in funding, an approximately 72K difference. A 3.8 or 3.2 million dollar reduction to Library Systems is anticipated for the near future. Judi anticipates Professional Development will continue as planned for this year, but some services may be reduced.
- **SLS Website** – The Council was shown updates to the SLS website, including the calendar of events for professional development. The website redesign was possible through a LSTA grant.
- **Professional Development** – Judi reviewed upcoming professional development opportunities, such as the Linworth Webinars, e-knowledge workshops, and ISS sponsored opportunities such as CNY21 followup sessions. On Feb. 10, 2011, Christine Dowd will present a workshop on using iPod Touches/iPads for instruction. Baldwinsville District will hold a session on Oct. 22 for setting up an iPod cart. There was a general discussion about how using an iPod cart helps to start a conversation on how to instruct students in the use of portable devices.
- **Professional Development – LC21 Initiative** – Co-sponsored with ISS, this initiative will focus on the Learning Commons. LC21 workshops will be offered for 3 dates. Districts are invited to send a partnership of the district instructional leader(s) and lead librarian(s) to the LC21 process. Allison Zmuda will present the LC21 Day 1 on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>; David Loertscher will present Day 2 on Dec. 1; Allison will return for Day 3 on Feb. 17. A virtual field trip to a learning commons library will be scheduled for January.
- **PALS (Partners in Achievement: Libraries and Students)** – For school year 10/11, there is one group of 6 librarians, 5 from elementary schools and 1 from a junior high school.
- **Annual SLS Fall Conference** – Will be October 28, 2010. Dr. Ross Todd will be the keynote speaker, presenting on evidence based learning and learning commons, and Deb Taylor will be the featured speaker, presenting on multicultural literature and books.
- **Annual Survey** – The Survey results were reviewed. Judi showed the Council the Wordles from the survey comments and the bar charts of survey results. There was a general discussion of the results and positive feedback given for using a visual display like Wordle for the results.

- **Annual Report** – Judi reviewed the annual report summaries and displayed a copy of the full report. If any Council member wants the full report, he or she should let Judi know and she will send it. A vote was taken of present Council members, with an electronic vote for the absent members, to approve the Annual Report: Present members: 6 yes; Absent members (by email): 6 yes. Related to the Annual Report Highlights discussion, Judi spoke briefly about the duplication of products purchased by schools and by public libraries. A brief discussion was held about the possibility of collective purchasing. In the category of Advocacy SLS has worked to raise consciousness about school library systems, with Jeff Craig’s support.
- **SLS Goals** – Judi reviewed SLS goals, including the School Libraries Definition handout. Judi discussed examples of member libraries that support the definition. SLS will also use the “Mission of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library” document developed at a workshop in Oct. 2008 (facilitated by Allison Zmuda) as guidelines for the SLS goals of “Rethink, Retool, Reinvent” and developing the learning commons. A further goal is for SLS to explore a virtual core library of certain databases to be purchased for the region, with the aim to make it a cost savings for SLS members.
- **Electronic Database access** – A question was raised concerning accessing Tumblebooks through the NY Public Library for classroom use. SLS will investigate an answer.
- **Plan of Service 2011-16** – Per Commissioner’s Regulations, each SLS has to do a 5-year plan of service. Annual Reports are written with the elements of the Plan of Service. The new POS is due to be written in the next few months. The Council and Communications Coordinators are charged with building a Plan of Service. The School Library Systems Association (SLSA) has asked the State, because there is so much uncertainty about Systems sustaining themselves for the next five years (i.e., some systems could dissolve), to consider whether or not an extension is possible for another year. Judi received notice that an extension of the writing of the POS is granted. The Council was asked to give their opinions and/or support for this extension. All present agreed to sustain the present POS and to take the extension. Judi will notify the State of the Council’s decision.
- **Next meeting** – The next Council meeting was scheduled for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> to allow the Council to work on the Plan of Service. In light of the POS extension, Judi will offer to move the Council meeting to January 2011.

#### IV. Other

- **Meeting Dates: Council Meetings –January 24th, March 29th**
- **Administrator/Advocate of the Year Luncheon is scheduled for May 11, 2011, with the Combined Meeting in the afternoon.**