

**OCM School Library System
Council Meeting
February 26, 2013
3:30 – 5:15 PM
OCM BOCES Rodax 8 Small Conference Room**

Minutes

In attendance: Debra Abbott, Cathleen Hendrick, Debby Emerson, Renee Hill (attending remotely), Monica Norton, Heather Turner, Marcie Mann

Absent: Kay Budmen, RJ DeLisle, Steve Garaffo, Linda Llewellyn, Michael Eiffe, Jeff Craig

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting began at 3:40 PM

Approval of January 8, 2013 Minutes with corrections - Debra Abbott, 2nd Debby Emerson

SLS Program Updates

State budget – Governor put the same amount of state funding for school libraries in his budget as last year. This is a positive, although there is no growth – there isn't a loss.

Final Services Commitments will be going out (a little late) to Communication Coordinators this week. There was some time lost in making sure what printed on the worksheet for librarians and what appeared in WinCapWeb for school business officials was the same. That has been resolved.

Library Automation Services Survey – Marcie Mann described the survey sent to librarians in mid-January re: library automation services. Results indicated more training may be needed. The survey also uncovered a problem in delivery of library automation service which SLS is working hard to a) determine the problem (software? Network? Training?, and b) resolve it. At this point it looks like a network issue.

SLS will be offering Follett Destiny as a choice for library automation in 2013-14.

Administrator/Advocate of the Year Award – Results will be in from the review committee on March 7 and then sent on to RJ DeLisle, Council Chair, for tally and final decision. Decision will be announced at the March 12, 2013 Communication Coordinators meeting. Administrator/Advocate of the Year Award luncheon is May 8, 2013.

Mini-grants update: Marcie Mann will request all mini-grant recipients prepare some type of poster for display/interaction at the Administrator/Advocate of the Year Award luncheon. There was favorable discussion about the value of a poster session.

OCM/Oswego Merger Study - The committee has received the final report. OCM and Oswego administrators will study. April/May is target date for more information.

NYS Legislative Grant – SLS has applied for a \$15K legislative grant from Al Stirpe’s office with the bulk of the money being used for mini-grants supporting the Common Core and collaboration with teachers. No word on notification date. Debby Emerson shared that CLRC also applied for grant money.

2013 Fall Conference – Save the date – Monday, November 4, 2013. Marcie shared that planning was well in hand. Focus on implementing Common Core and technology.

Library Advocacy Day – Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in Albany. Marcie will attend on behalf of SLS. Debby Emerson will attend and reported that CLRC is sponsoring a bus that day and that Pine Grove Middle School will be attending with students.

Professional Development discussion ensued. Debby Emerson asked about location for Olga Nesi Common Core presentation in August. Marcie will check and report back. There was feedback re: reinstating morning “take away” PD for librarians followed by Communication Coordinators meeting in the afternoon. Librarians present expressed a strong desire to bring back these very productive and creative PD times. Marcie Mann will report back to Mary Tiedemann. There was some discussion with Monica Norton re: looking for ways to include public librarians, perhaps an invite to the Admin/Advocate luncheon. We talked about a “Bring your public (or school) librarian to...” workshop to work on the school/public librarian link. Monica will look into date or next public librarians – youth services meeting, and let me know in case any school librarians would like to attend.

Other – discussion re: outreach/building relationships. Deb Abbott reported on a visit from a St. John Fisher pre-service student (student teacher) who completed a required 3 hour observation of a school library/librarian in her library. Marcie will pass this on to the education librarian at SUNY Cortland who is beginning to develop a student teacher/school library connection for pre-service students at SUNY Cortland. We applaud St. John Fisher for taking this step!

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm, Heather Turner. 2nd Deb Abbott