

Teacher Center of Broome County

Date: 2/14/17

February Meeting Minutes



Call to Order: 4:05

Meeting Presider: Karen Doolittle

Appointment of Meeting Secretary: Erin Hitchcock

Present:

<u>Debbie Sluzar</u> (BINGHAMTON)	<u>Jim Stocum</u> (CHENANGO VALLEY)	<u>Pat Walsh</u> (LEA)	<u>Karen Doolittle</u> (VESTAL)
<u>Nicole Fenty</u> (Binghamton University)	<u>Leah DeVita</u> (DEPOSIT)	<u>Erin Hitchcock</u> (MAINE ENDWELL)	<u>Pat Follette</u> (WHITNEY POINT SUPERINTENDENT)
<u>Colleen Cawley</u> (BOCES)	<u>Cheri Panko</u> (DIRECTOR)	<u>Diana Simpson</u> (NON PUBLIC)	
	<u>Sharon Wells</u> (EARLY CHILDHOOD)	<u>Mary Hibbard</u> (PARENT)	<u>Dan DiGennaro</u> (WINDSOR)
<u>Deb Daniels</u> (CHENANGO FORKS)	<u>Heather Badger Brown</u> (HARPURSVILLE)	<u>Sarah Reid</u> (PUBLIC LIBRARY)	

Excused:

<u>Andrea Gresko</u> (SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY)

<u>Mike Sabo</u> (BUSINESS)

Absent:

Previous Minutes: No comments. Mary move to approve, Debbie seconds, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Lyceum Article - educational programs for ages 50+; Cheri was interviewed for their newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LEA REPORT: update on use of local funds from previous cycle (info had not been shared with us at the time). In the future, no money will be removed from local budget without our knowledge/consent. Items will be sent back if not arrived/paid for on time. Last year there had been a change in personnel at BOCES. New personnel (Denise) is more aware of how things should be done.

Budget worksheet provided. Some money will need to be moved around. To move to a new category, an FS-10 is needed. Can be voted on at next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Book order for Study Groups - all books have arrived, only a few were late arrivals. Different contact person at Barnes & Noble.
2. NGSS workshops with Kopernik - going very well. Running at 10-15 people each, and positive feedback. Want to run again next fall. Has been good publication for Kopernik (also going to Vestal/JC)
3. CC Math Parent Night- cancelled due to low enrollment. Hard to get parents involved
4. New pens needed, sent order in, received

5. Geography workshop Feb 24 - half day, K-5. Tim McDonnell (NYS Geographic Alliance president, chemistry prof) - he gets paid through a grant, no cost to us. Diana S. spoke very positively about him. 12 people signed up so far. Will be held at WSKG because he has a large floor map of NYS that people walk on. Not just focused on Social Studies -- actually sounds more Science oriented.
6. Master Teachers - giving a series of workshops, all listed on My Learning Plan (solar energy, standards based grading) -- held at BU. New partnership to explore. They cannot charge; part of being a Master Teacher.
7. Budget mistakes from 2015-16 -- Pat addressed this. Moving forward, this should not happen again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Study Group -- committee approved 17, disapproved a few (2 late, 1 cut hours, 1 denied). Committee recommendation for next year to put a financial cap and prioritize awards. This year, over \$30,000 (almost 1/3 of our budget) -- last year around \$18,000. Other recommendation -- smaller groups, less hours (currently 3-8 people, up to 20 hours. Most groups are 3-5 people). We should talk about this more in depth at April meeting. If prioritizing, it's hard to know what to value -- would you need to balance districts, grades, etc. to not show favoritism. We do say that it is a competitive grant, so people shouldn't assume they will be approved. In past, there were often more applications that were not approved.
 - What are we not able to do because of study groups? Book grant, technology (we bought a lot last year). We're able to cover it this year, but there is more of a concern for next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mileage forms- sent for Brown, Doolittle, Gresko, Hitchcock, Simpson, Sluzar, Wells -- checks have not been sent yet

NEW BUSINESS:

1. EOY spending -- will need to move some money around (FS-10). Will have some money left in Supplies, how to spend? Cheri recommends 5 new iPads so that next year we can purchase Dot and Dash. BOCES has some, but they are only available to schools in the science coser. Cheri will have iPad costs for next meeting. Debbie -- Apple often does updates in fall...buy Dot and Dash now; iPads in fall. Cheri would really like to get more into coding, because we haven't done this yet. Karen D -- Virtual Reality (Google Expeditions). Debbie said it's \$10,000... comes with equipment (iPad, headsets, phones) and is a lot of work. Really needs 2 people. Kids really enjoyed it though, and it was a meaningful experience. Not supposed to use it with kids under 13.
2. Planning for 2017-18 -- see above.
3. Move June meeting to June 6 -- partly due to getting mileage in, would be able to sign our continuation grant (due June 9). Gail will fill in while Cheri is away (mid June-mid July)

OPEN FORUM:

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ADJOURNMENT: Sarah move to adjourned, Leah second. Passed. Adjourned at 4:52.

Future meetings dates:

	Mar 14, 2017	Apr 11, 2017	May 9, 2017	June 6, 2017 (changed date)
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