

Teacher Center of Broome County

Date: 3/14/16

March Meeting Agenda



Call to Order: 4:10pm

Meeting Presider: Diana Simpson

Appointment of Meeting Secretary: Sarah Reid/Erin Hitchcock

Present:

	Jim Stocum (CHENANGO VALLEY),	Pat Walsh (LEA)	Karen Doolittle (VESTAL)
Sarah Reid (PUBLIC LIBRARY),	Mike Sabo (BUSINESS)	Erin Hitchcock (MAINE ENDWELL)	Pat Follette (WHITNEY POINT SUPERINTENDENT)
Colleen Cawley (BOCES)	Cheri Panko (DIRECTOR)	Diana Simpson (NON PUBLIC)	Andrea Gresko (SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY)
	Sharon Wells (EARLY CHILDHOOD)		Dan DiGennaro (WINDSOR)
Deb Daniels (CHENANGO FORKS)			

Excused: Debbie Sluzar (BINGHAMTON), Heather Badger Brown (HARPURSVILLE), Mary Hibbard (PARENT), Leah DeVita (DEPOSIT), Nicole Fenty (Binghamton University)

Absent:

Previous Minutes: Sharon/Colleen move to accept. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Cheri -- Cheri is retiring in June. Has enjoyed her 3 years here, but is making some changes. Here through June 8, then Gail will be covering the next few weeks. Plan to go out to eat after June meeting to celebrate Cheri. Diana -- need to form a committee to interview. Pat -- it's just gone to the BOCES Board this week. BOCES will need to look over the advertisement. Cheri will post it on TCupdate, because that will get the word out more than through BOCES site. Interviews would most likely happen in July/August.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LEA REPORT: Denise & Cheri keeping us up to date. We are not being charged this year for BOCES staff support (Other Salaries and Employee Benefits lines). FS-10A worksheet provided by Cheri and Pat to show proposed changes in budget allocations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Lyceum Request -- email sent to Lyceum, asking them to be a little earlier (due to parking). Next year they are planning to end their workshops at 3:00.
2. Committee of 100 -- teacher centers and unions meet in Albany. Met with Lupardo, Crouch, Akshar. Right now, Teacher Centers get \$14 million (\$40 million in 2007/8). They were understanding. Arrived early because of workshop about Constitutional Convention. It's more cost-effective to do an amendment instead of a constitutional convention.
3. Spring Symposium -- good conference, variety of topics. Cheri needs to do a review/in-depth report of one of our programs. Dawn is also asking what workshops will be offered in the future year. This is not the same for all teacher centers. For instance, most of our workshops/attendees come in the spring. Can't really predict future workshops. Amount of paperwork may make teacher centers offer less classes.

4. Geography Conference -- at WSKG. Great. Tim McDonnell from NYS Geography Alliance. Geared to K-5 educators. Lots of hands on activities, including a large scale map. Very positive feedback from the attendees. Skype follow up after Easter with presenter to see how teachers have used this. He will also come in May to do a watershed presentation. Good partnership. National Geographic sponsors this -- no cost to us. Diana is on the board and spoke of other offerings. Cheri is going to schedule a 7-12 workshop for the fall.
5. Purchased 6 Animation Studio kits -- loaded on 6 laptops. Erin will teach a workshop in the fall. Was asked to demonstrate to Policy Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Spending money- see below
2. Study group conversation continued- wait until next year? Make decisions this year? Concern: how to lessen the impact on our budget (over \$30,000 this year; 16 study groups this year). Can we afford to spend this much next year? Possibilities: limit number of groups, limit number of hours, limit number of people per group? Hopefully by our May meeting we will have an idea of how much money we will have for next year. Diana -- no need for the committee to meet to come up with suggestions, because she told us the 3 suggestions from the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Move money- FS-10A- Increase line 15 by \$3500 to cover additional workshops. Decrease line 16 by \$2484 due to a retirement this year. Increase line 40 by \$1214 to cover Kopernik Observatory and Science Center workshops. Increase line 45 by \$381 to cover necessary purchases. Decrease line 46 by \$521 due to less travel this year. Decrease line 80 by \$2090 to adjust for changes in Budgeted/Actual Fringe Rates.
Sharon/Dan move to accept FS-10A as written. Passed.
2. What do we spend the money on?
3. Changes in the Continuation Grant- planning needed for programs/workshops- resurrect the Program Committee? The State is asking what workshops will be offered next fall, winter, spring. Should we have a program committee to put together schedule. This would be helpful since we will have a new director. Cheri has already started to look into some of these things that have been well received (Kopernik, SAMRi, etc). Some things can be set up. We can always do more than we say we are. This is not due until after we will have the funding. Some of what we offer is not workshop based -- open space for teachers to come and use materials. Pat F -- would it be beneficial to have a listing (pamphlet) to show what the Teacher Center has offered? This would be really good to show people what the TC is all about, to show this is what you can expect. Would help people to know what is coming/promotion.
4. Fund SAMRi again? 2 year program, 20 people max (10 dropped this year). Those who complete the program were paid for 10 hours each year (like a study group). 8-10 required workshops per year. Now is a self-sustaining program because 3 trainers are in place. Would be easy to repeat, because they could use the same trainers. Not just SAMRi members attend, so it has improved attendance. Motion to continue SAMRi program with the same presenters. Sharon/Colleen. Passed.
5. New PB members- replacements? Colleen will be leaving, has told her union president and will share information. Need to know by June if anyone is not continuing. Dan, Mary, Erin, Mike, Debbie are up for renewal. Still do not have a Whitney Point rep.

OPEN FORUM:

1. Karen -- plan to have dinner on June 6. Will talk to Cheri and Colleen about picking the place.
2. Jim -- asked about book program. In the last 2 years we did not have the funding to do this. Teachers from Harpursville had asked about this, but it was really a study group. Those teachers are really getting a lot out of it. Nice to hear.
3. Have some money to spend -- think about purchases.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim/Deb. passed . 5:09 pm.

Future meetings dates:

		Apr 11, 2017	May 9, 2017	June 6, 2017
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