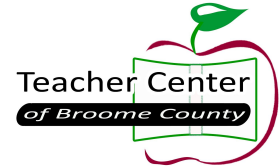


Teacher Center of Broome County

Date: 5/9/17

May Meeting Minutes



Call to Order: 4:09 pm

Meeting Presider: Diana

Appointment of Meeting Secretary: Erin

Present:

Debbie Sluzar (BINGHAMTON)	Jim Stocum (CHENANGO VALLEY)	Pat Walsh (LEA)	Karen Doolittle (VESTAL)
Nicole Fenty (Binghamton University)	Leah DeVita (DEPOSIT)	Erin Hitchcock (MAINE ENDWELL)	
Colleen Cawley (BOCES)	Cheri Panko (DIRECTOR)	Diana Simpson (NON PUBLIC)	Andrea Gresko (SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY)
Mike Sabo (BUSINESS)		Mary Hibbard (PARENT)	Dan DiGennaro (WINDSOR)
Deb Daniels (CHENANGO FORKS)	Heather Badger Brown (HARPURSVILLE)	Sarah Reid (PUBLIC LIBRARY)	

Excused: Sharon Wells (EARLY CHILDHOOD, Pat Follette (WHITNEY POINT SUPERINTENDENT))

Absent: Highlighted in yellow

Previous Minutes: Sara, Colleen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Funding! We are funded for next year, \$152,199. Substantially higher than last year.
2. Request by Dawn Graham- SED suggests that TC Policy Boards consider using a portion of these additional funds for the development and delivery of PD/CTLE to support the transition to the revised NY State ELA and Math Standards which are expected to be approved by the Board of Regents this May or June. The BOR meetings are posted at: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings> Question as to what these changes are. Pat -- there is a public comment period. Some major changes in early ELA. Introduction of practices for ELA. Pat does not currently have particulars. There has been a series of drafts, may be some changes in this last comment period. Will not have as much of a rush to implement. Dawn Shannon is currently in Albany involved in committee meetings. We are open to supporting this, but until we know more and have knowledgeable presenters, we can't really offer anything regarding this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LEA REPORT:

Budget report -- orders are either in or in process. FS-10 has not yet been approved, but no anticipated issues. Thinking about next year, and in what areas we want to increase funding. New director may need more travel (training).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. iPads, Dot and Dash received. iPads are smaller and are in. Dot & Dash are in, Diana and Erin each given one to play with over the next month and report back at the next meeting. Software already installed on new iPads.
2. Memo from Dawn Graham on PB membership. Clarifies membership requirements. We will need a new parent rep, because Mary does not currently have a child enrolled as a student. We do not need to have a representative from each district, which is good because Whitney Point has not had a rep in years. Dan and Jim are both parents, and could be parent reps instead of a rep for their district. This would take away a teacher position, so it would be better to have a new parent rep. Board asked to reach out to people who may be interested.

3. Study Groups and SAMRi group. Cheri is almost done with paperwork, which is a bit overwhelming.
4. CTLE certs for Study Groups. Study group participants also need CTLE credit, which adds more work. Cheri and Pat are working on this, and will be contacting the study group chairs about this. Not all participants signed their attendance sheets, so Cheri needed to contact study group leaders.
5. iPad cart upgrade. Because of the cable change, the old one wouldn't work. The cart company does offer replacement cables, so Cheri is working with IT to see if we can do this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mike- Director report? Mike not able to attend meeting, but did share results with Cheri. Can be pushed to June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Study Groups for 2017-18. Diana's opinion -- if no director, no study groups. Does not need to be set in place right now anyway. Can't we wait until we know what next year will hold? Grant uses broad terms, so decision can wait.
2. Book Incentive. Could be done without a director, Diana said she has lots of experience with this.
3. Dinner on June 6? -- date is the 1st Tuesday, dinner afterward at Kampai. Karen D. will send out an email because she will be making a reservation.
4. Cheri is trying to set up now as many workshops as possible for next year. SAMRI, ESL, etc. Diana asked who would have authority to sign workshop presenters if we don't have a director. This is a legal issue that Pat would have to look into. Diana says we went periods of time before when we did not have a director and did not meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. June meeting mileage -- Cheri will send out, bring iPad to next meeting to sign.
2. Old iPads- ideas on use? 1 given to each PB member, please bring to meetings to take notes online instead of paper. Note: Numbers on chargers may not match the iPad. We still have quite a few others, so think of ideas for use.
3. Continuation Grant meeting May 15, 4:00 pm and 17 (If necessary)- Karen, Diana, Colleen, Dan, Mary and Cheri to serve. Will look at last year's grant, and requirements for next year. Rough FS-10 will be available.

OPEN FORUM:

1. Please reach out to people who may be interested in the director position. Just need to be a certified teacher. Substitute teacher, stay at home moms? Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30. Pay starts at \$30/hour, benefits are available if needed. There is a learning curve -- paperwork, technology, budget (likely be intimidating). Cheri has been updating a director's handbook, and she and Gail would be willing to help out. Cheri will put it in the next TC Update, but PB members are asked to also send info out to their districts. Diana and Karen will be on interview committee, but should have 3 other members, ideally able to be at all/any interviews.

ADJOURNMENT: Diana/Karen 4:48 pm

Future meetings dates:

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