

# Teacher Center of Broome County

Date: November 14, 2017

## Meeting Agenda



**Call to Order: Diana**

**Meeting Presider: Diana**

**Appointment of Meeting Secretary: Erin**

**Present:**

<b><u>Debbie Sluzar</u></b> (BINGHAMTON)	<b><u>Tina Conklin</u></b> (CHENANGO VALLEY)	<b><u>Pat Walsh</u></b> (LEA)	<b><u>Karen Doolittle</u></b> (VESTAL)
<b><u>Nicole Fenty</u></b> (Binghamton University)	XX(DEPOSIT)	<b><u>Erin Hitchcock</u></b> (MAINE ENDWELL)	<b><u>Pat Follette</u></b> (WHITNEY POINT (SUPERINTENDENT))
<b><u>Sharon Mannix</u></b> (BOCES)	<b><u>Lori DeAngelo, Director</u></b>	<b><u>Diana Simpson</u></b> (NON PUBLIC)	<b><u>Andrea Gresko</u></b> (SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY)
<b><u>Mike Sabo</u></b> (BUSINESS)	<b><u>Sharon Wells</u></b> (EARLY CHILDHOOD)	XX (PARENT)	X X (WINDSOR)
<b><u>Deb Daniels</u></b> (CHENANGO FORKS)	<b><u>Heather Badger Brown</u></b> (HARPURSVILLE)	<b><u>Sarah Reid</u></b> (PUBLIC LIBRARY)	X X (WHITNEY POINT)

**Excused: Nicole Fenty (Maternity leave)**

**Absent: Heather Fenty, Pat Follette**

**Previous Minutes: Sharon/Tina passed.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. We have a new Director! Welcome to Lori DeAngelo

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **LEA REPORT:**

Budget Reconciliation for November -- budget update provided.

Update on supplies/technology support/TimeWarner -- as technology updates, some hardware also needs to be updated (cables, etc). Supplies reordered because they had arrived after last year ended and we sent them back.

Button maker has been repaired (temporarily out of commission). Lots of people are using the laminator.

Science workshops (K-6) -- science is our focus, so even though attendance has been too low, they have still been held. Kopernick has been booking workshops directly with school districts, and this is likely keeping people from coming to the Teacher Center workshops. Not sure what exactly we need to report about our focus, but it needs to show that it is impacting teachers in the classroom. There is a lot more saturation with science this year. This might be a good opportunity for nonteachers to attend (ie. public librarians). Marketing may need to be addressed.

Workshops are listed on TC website.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Lori Deangelo - lots of things to learn each day. People have been friendly and helpful.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Study groups -- in previous years applications would have been due this week. Do we want to do study groups? If so, would like to have something sent out as quickly as possible, due back around the middle of December. Ordering books would be tight. Everything needs to be done by April. We have a large amount of money earmarked for study groups, and it has been a positive experience. 3-8 people per group, a maximum of 20 hours at the discretion of the study group committee. Applications due on December 11 by 6:00 pm. Study group committee will meet on December 11 -- Sharon, Diana, Debbie, Erin, Tina will be on the committee -- and Heather if she would like. Reports will be due on Monday, March 26 by 6:00 pm. Groups can plan to start on January 2, dependent on arrival of ordered materials.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sharon: We need to market the Teacher Center more. Reach out to union leaders to have them share with their teachers. Not everyone looks at their email and it's very easily ignored. Brochures could be useful. Many teachers do not even realize there is a Teacher Center. BOCES could let administrators know to pass on information. Could be mentioned in union newsletters. Poster/flyer to put up in mailroom. Open House at Teacher Center (would still need to advertise). Last year the Open House was targeted at new teachers and mentors. Put TC pens in mailrooms.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Open spots on Policy Board -- Windsor, Whitney Point, Deposit, parent (of a child currently enrolled in one of our consortium districts).

Internet is very slow. BOCES IT ran a check. To increase our internet speed, it would go from \$79.95/month to internet plus at \$99.00/month plus a one time upgrade fee of \$99. Motion by Sharon/Sarah to upgrade to Internet Plus. passed. Pat will pass on this information to BOCES.

Mike reminded us that anyone can take a class at the Teacher Center, it's just that teachers in our consortium have priority. Everyone on board can vote, regardless of whether they are a public school teacher who counts toward our quorum.

TCUpdate is going through a listserv at BOCES.

Lori will be approved tomorrow, Cheri is willing to help train her.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn: Sarah/Sharon. Passed. Adjourned at 4:59.

Future meetings dates: December 12th

		Nov 14, 2017	Dec 12, 2017	Jan 16, 2018
Feb 13, 2018	Mar 13, 2018	Apr 17, 2018	May 8, 2018	June 5, 2018