

Teacher Center of Broome County

Date: 10/11/16
October Meeting Minutes



Call to Order:

Meeting President: Diana S.

Appointment of Meeting Secretary:

Present: Debbie Sluzar (BINGHAMTON), Colleen Cawley (BOCES), Mike Sabo (BUSINESS), Deb Daniels (CHENANGO FORKS), Leah Davita (DEPOSIT), Cheri Panko (DIRECTOR), Sharon Wells (EARLY CHILDHOOD), Heather Badger Brown (HARPURSVILLE), Pat Walsh (LEA), Erin Hitchcock (MAINE ENDWELL), Diana Simpson (NON PUBLIC), Mary Hibbard (PARENT), Sarah Reid (PUBLIC LIBRARY), Karen Doolittle (VESTAL), Pat Follette (WHITNEY POINT SUPERINTENDENT), Andrea Gresko (SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY), Dan DiGennaro (WINDSOR)

Excused: Jim Stocum (CHENANGO VALLEY), Nicole Fenty (Binghamton University),

Absent:

Previous Minutes: Sharon/Colleen passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Notebooks are available for PB members to use. They contain the Policy Handbook, By-Laws and can house the agendas after meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

LEA REPORT: budget shared. We always overbudget at first, but by the end it is pretty much right on track. Cheri: new purchase: digital camera (old one was was very old).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Open House - very successful. A few PB members were present. Button maker, Aurasma, lamination, die cuts, books were given away. About 30 people attended, mainly come and go, steady visitors.
2. Updated PB page - added new members, updated term endings. Leah's name needs to be updated, Sarah's email needs to be changed (contact list will be sent around).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Feedback on the new Google calendar on webpage? -- MLP wasn't letting us embed. Cheri would like feedback from teachers if they like this, if it is working for people to link to MLP.
2. Have not gotten any bites on Science Focus Group leader. Contact science departments to see if there is interest (could copy/paste from TC Update).
3. Will be working with Kopernik and Good Geographic Practices (through a National Geographic grant) for science

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PB Contact list -- sent around
2. BU Class here Jan-May - Nicole Fenty wants to hold her spring class here, in an outside educational institution. End of Jan-May. During Policy Board meetings, they will meet a little later, when PB meeting ends.
3. Home School parents using the TC? Opinions? -- Cheri was approached by BOCES because someone had asked. Other Teacher Centers were split. BOCES said there are 500 families that Home School. How to know if they are legitimately a Home School parent? How is it different than a JC or UE teacher coming? Pat F. says districts have different regulations regarding Home School -- schools aren't required to supply materials like they do for Catholic/Christian schools. Tricky situation. Sharon -- at one time, could community members use the Teacher Center? This was possibly when we were charging for workshops and equipment/materials. If you open to Home School, do you

open to general community? Could be costly. This is different than pre-service college students who are going into the education field. We say no at this time, but will have a committee look into it: Sarah, Mike will be the committee.

4. Study group discussion -- need approval from board to offer this. Look at dates from last year (that time frame worked well) and adjust to this year. Question: do we allow people to reapply if rejected? Good PR for the Teacher Center (to appease groups who have been rejected in the past and got bitter about the TC). Karen -- other grants do not allow someone to reapply when rejected. Cheri -- this is something we budget for, but it's flexible -- we move money around all the time. Diana & Heather -- no group has ever been denied for a missing piece, as long as they can get it in that day. Not all applications are worthy of being approved; if you give one a chance to reapply, you have to give them all a chance. Pat F. suggestion: could there be a minimum rubric value for reapplication? Diana -- those things don't really determine whether it is approved or not. If they do the math wrong, that's not cause for rejection. It's more based on the narrative and the plan as a whole. Heather -- workshops have been offered in previous years on how to fill out the application. Cheri will update dates and send them out (November time frame).
5. Co-Chair vote (Karen's position) -- Sharon nominates Karen. Mary seconds. passes.

OPEN FORUM:

1. None today

ADJOURNMENT: 4:48 pm

Future meetings dates:

		Nov 8, 2016 (election day)	Dec 13, 2016	Jan 10, 2017
Feb 14, 2017	Mar 14, 2017	Apr 11, 2017	May 9, 2017	June 13, 2017