

Teacher Center of Broome County

Date: October 6th, 2020

Meeting Agenda



Call to Order: 4:02 pm on Zoom

Meeting Presider: Diana Simpson

Meeting Secretary: Erin Hitchcock

Present:

Eliza Taylor (Binghamton)	XX (Chenango Valley)	Pat Walsh (LEA)	Karen Vill (Vestal)
Nicole Fenty (Binghamton Univ.)	Erin Wehrli (Deposit)	Erin Hitchcock (Maine Endwell)	Pat Follette (Whitney Point Supt)
Sharon Mannix (BOCES)		Diana Simpson (Non Public)	Andrea Gresko (Susquehanna Valley)
Mike Sabo (Business)	Sharon Wells (Early Childhood)	Gretchen Blachowiak (Parent)	XX (Windsor)
Deb Daniels (Chenango Forks)	XX (Harpursville)	Sarah Reid (Public Library)	Nadine Ferguson (Whitney Point)

Quorum: Yes

Also present: Paul Volkert

Excused: Nicole Fenty (has BU class through November on T nights)

Not in attendance: Eliza, Deb, Gretchen, Nadine

Board members introduced themselves to Paul.

Previous Minutes: Move to approve by Sharon W, Seconded by Erin W, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Paul Volkert will be our acting director.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Director's Report/LEA REPORT:

1. Status of Continuation Grant and funding (SED) - holding pattern, NYSUT has arranged a conversation between NYS TC Directors and legislators on the NYS Education Committee on

October 20th - Topic is the Role of NYS Teacher Centers in supporting professional learning for teachers during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Paul has been participating in regional meetings. We are in a holding pattern as to whether we will receive our funding or not. Pat has submitted details as to what programming we provided during the Covid close, documenting the support Teacher Centers provided to teachers and districts. Directors will be speaking with the state later this month (October 20). We remain hopeful that funds will be released.

2. Status of Center opening and support positions (3)

Sharon Wells, Alicia Sherman, and Kathy Harasta will staff the center when we are able to be open. Most of our workshop offerings will be virtual, using contracts developed by Jennifer Liep, previous director. Visitors to the Teacher Center will have an electronic form/health disclaimer to complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Study groups (moved to new business)

Policy Board Co-Chair election: Sarah Reid. Thank you to Sarah.

NEW BUSINESS:

Study Groups - recommend an adjustment to the usual timeline given funding situation

Would like to bring the committee together to discuss how this could be done virtually. Right now we aren't certain of whether we will have funding, but the committee could discuss a plan. Sarah -- shipment of books has been very spotty, maybe look at electronic books. Committee -- Diana S, Erin H, Sharon W, Andrea G. Diana will share the meeting date, and anyone can join the meeting. Diana will also be in contact with Paul regarding the October 20 meeting. We can limit the amount we spend on study groups, making it less than previous years. Not sure if we can do electronic books -- will have to look into this.

OPEN FORUM:

Open House -- in-person is not really practical for this year, but maybe we can have a video of the Center and post it on the website. Perhaps the videos that Cheri had created are still available?

ADJOURNMENT: Sharon W moves, Andrea G seconds. Adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Study Group committee - Wed. 10/21 at 3:30 via Zoom. Look for a copy of last year's application before that meeting.

Future Meeting Dates

	1-12-21	4-13-21	
11-10	2-9-21	5-11-21	
12-8	3-9-21	6-1-21	