

Teacher Center of Broome County

March 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda



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Call to Order/Quorum check: Yes, 4:02 pm

Meeting Presider: Sarah Reid

Meeting Secretary: Erin Hitchcock

Present:(Yellow)

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 (Harpurville)	Sarah Reid (Public Library)	Nadine Ferguson (Whitney Point)

Also present: Paul Volkert - Acting Director

Excused:
Eliza Taylor

Not in attendance: Nicole Fenty

Previous Minutes: Need Approval

- <https://www.btbooces.org/Downloads/February%209%202021%20PB%20Agenda%20Minutes.pdf>
- Mike moves, Nadine seconded. Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Director's Report/LEA REPORT:

Acting Director - Paul Volkert

1. Budget update/FS10a Approval

Decrease from Professional salaries due to 'Teacher Center facility and programming being on pause and no salaries were paid until December' for a total decrease of \$3,460.

Decrease from Purchased Services due to 'Teacher Center facility closed and programming did not take place until January 2021' for a total decrease of \$600.

Decrease from Travel due to 'No travel expenditures due to COVID' for a total decrease of \$2,300.

Decrease from Employee Benefits due to 'Professional salaries decreased so employee benefits decrease' for a total decrease of \$1,000.

Addition to Supplies and Materials due to:

- 2 Cricut machines at \$450 each for a total of \$900 and replacement materials at \$200 for a grand total of \$1,100.00 with shipping to be used for professional learning.
- New sign with installation at \$200 for the front of the teacher center to direct presenters and visitors to the center as our current one is cracked, stained, and beyond repair.
- 2 digital compound microscopes at \$325 for a total of \$650 to be used for professional learning around hybrid and remote instruction.
- 6 handheld digital microscope pro at \$160 for a total of \$960 to be used with planned professional learning around hybrid and remote instruction.
- Smart display TV with mount and cables at \$2,150 to begin updating the professional learning space to accommodate in-person, hybrid, and remote professional development sessions.
- 2 Logitech Connect conference camera at \$500 each for a total of \$1,000 with cables and shipping to update the professional learning space to accommodate in-person, hybrid, and remote professional development sessions.
- 1 Kramer units with cables and shipping at \$500 for the presentation room to allow presenters and participants to share their device screens to the display screens without cables

- Increase of \$107 to Supplies and materials as the “Previous Budget Total” is \$108,411 and the grant allocation is \$108,518. This addition of \$107 will bring the “Proposed Amended Total” to \$108,518.

For a total increase of \$6,667.

Discussions with the Southern Tier networking have led to these suggestions. Paul also met with Dawn Graham to discuss these ideas. Moving these items will still give us leeway for additional presenters this year. Some contracts are going to BOCES this month.

Pat W -- recognition to Paul for his ideas and reaching out about ways for us to move forward.

Co-chairs had met with Paul and Pat earlier about this, and were impressed with the ideas Paul has for long-term goals. Thank you.

Move to approve the FS10A as presented -- Sharon Wells. Andrea seconds. Passed.

2. [Programming](#)

- a. New sessions being added to the program
 - b. Parent/Guardian/Educator sessions March 23rd-25th ([Flyer!](#))
3. 1 day virtual spring symposium 3/3/21
 - a. Lots of Zoom calls, many ideas regarding programming and promoting the Teacher Center.
 4. Newsletter sent through the listserv. BOCES has addressed some problems with the listserv, so it should be going out. Nadine has never been able to get emails from the listserv. Paul will check on Nadine and Pat F (who also does not get emails, but used to).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Study groups are underway.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 21-22 Grant Application -- per State Ed, it should be coming out this Friday. Committee usually consists of co-chairs, director, and others. Committee usually meets, then presents to the board. Committee needs to pick main themes to focus on (ie. Technology). Paul will see if the State has any specific focus points for next year. Pat F. suggests potential areas the State might look to address are closing gaps, dealing with social emotional issues. There will be some changes to the application. Committee -- Sarah, Diana, Sharon M (dependent on dates). If anyone else is interested, please contact Paul.

OPEN FORUM: Pat F. -- do we have a need to look for a new director, as Paul finishes his internship? Pat W. -- it's an ongoing posting, and there is an initial interview with a candidate tomorrow. Others have asked questions about the position. She and Kerri Bullock do initial interviews. Having a technological background is a requirement for the position with the hybrid model we are using and anticipate continuing to use. Candidates with strong matches to what the TC needs will be brought to an interview with the Policy Board. The Board has final approval after they interview. Paul has agreed to transition/mentor any new hire. Pat F. (Whitney Point) has an opening for an elementary principal, and she is retiring at the end of this school year.

Motion to ADJOURNMENT: Sharon W. move to adjourn. Deb D. seconds at 4:33 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 13th, 2021 at 4pm

Future Meeting Dates

4/13/2021	5/11/2021	6/1/2021