

Teacher Center of Broome County

February 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda



Zoom Link:

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Call to Order/Quorum check: 4:02 pm

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

Also present: Paul Volkert - Acting Director

Excused: Erin Wehrli

Not in attendance: Nicole Fenty, Sharon Wells

Previous Minutes: Nadine motion to approve, seconded by Deb. Passed
<https://www.btboces.org/Downloads/January%2012%202021%20PB%20Minutes.pdf>

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Director's Report/LEA REPORT:

Acting Director - Paul Volkert

1. Regional TC Director Meetings
 - a. Budget update -- at our last meeting, we had just received our approval letter. The 20% withholding is applying only to "reimbursements." We are seeking more clarification on this, because no matter what we spend, 20% would be withheld, and someone needs to account for the difference. BOCES has approved us to keep the Center open, but days may need to be adjusted. Professional learning opportunities are taking place, and study groups are still going on. Paul has a meeting tomorrow for new directors, and Dawn Graham will be speaking. Paul has submitted questions. Pat -- BOCES, as our LEA, is completely in support of the Teacher Center still going forward. BOCES is reaching out for clarification.
2. [February Newsletter](#) has been sent out
3. [Programming](#) (Google doc that is added to). 2 sessions had to be rescheduled due to snow. Do we need to reevaluate this policy, since all workshops are remote?
 - a. Programming has started and have had multiple sessions run
4. Study Groups
 - a. All groups have paperwork in and have started meeting

Facility update

1. The Center will be open from 3:30-5:30pm Tuesday-Thursday by appointment using the [google form](#)
2. Windows being replaced
3. Request put in for new mailbox
4. Carpets are getting professionally cleaned (February weekend or spring break)

Pat -- she and Paul are meeting regularly with Denise Jones, center support person, to make sure we are not in the red. We are okay right now, and they are thinking about ways to address certain areas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Conference Committee
 - a. Conference Expenditures request form

Paul -- in light of our current situation, waiting to send out the updated form.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wishlist items/Discussion
 - [TC Continuation Application](#) - Priority areas on page 12
 - [Wishlist shared document](#) (you have the ability to edit this document)
 - Add ANY & ALL of your ideas (Paul will fill in any columns needed)

OPEN FORUM:

Thank you to Paul for having the Center open. It's a monumental task to provide professional learning in these times.

Refer back to the topic of our policy regarding snow days. Our current policy is that when Vestal schools are closed, the Teacher Center is closed. Maybe that should be revisited. Mike -- the Teacher Center building can be closed, but that should not have to impact virtual offerings. Pat F -- most teachers would not want to do PD on snow days. As a region, the administrators decided to honor the traditional snow day and the break that provides to students and staff. Her recommendation is to hold PD only if it is a full remote teaching day. Pat W -- the word from BOCES was that people did not have to work, and they were not expected to do work related activities. Pat F -- if we run out of snow days, districts are planning to use future snow days as full remote days.

In the past, there was a survey about workshop feedback. Does that still exist? There is a feedback section in Frontline/MyLearningPlan. Maybe there could be a question about snow days.

Feb newsletter has been sent out. Some people are seeing emails from the listserv, some are not. We've had problems with the listserv in the past, but different accounts are not having that problem.

Motion to ADJOURNMENT: Mike moves to adjourn, Nadine seconds -- 4:32 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 9th, 2021 at 4pm

Future Meeting Dates

3/9/2021	4/13/2021	5/11/2021
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6/1/2021		
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Policy Board Agenda