

Teacher Center of Broome County

January 12, 2021 Meeting Agenda



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Call to Order/Quorum check: 4:05 pm, quorum present

Meeting Presider: Sarah Reid stepped in to start due to technical issues

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

Excused:

Not in attendance: Nicole Fenty, Pat Follette

Previous Minutes:

- <https://www.btboces.org/Downloads/December%208%202020%20PB%20Agenda.pdf>
- Moved by Deb, seconded by Nadine. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Received our funding letter yesterday, and are being funded at 100%!

CORRESPONDENCE:

Director's Report/LEA REPORT:

Acting Director - Paul Volkert

1. Regional TC Director Meetings
 - a. Discussions around budget adjustments
Regional meeting tomorrow. Have met with Dawn Graham and was able to ask a lot of questions regarding funding. They will not penalize us if we can't spend everything this year because it is a different situation. Some Centers still have not received their letters yet.
2. January Newsletter -- sent out
3. Programming
 - a. All previously approved sessions are in Frontline and on the TC calendar (website). It was emailed to the Listserv.
 - b. Have other presenters going to the board for approval

Facility update

1. We had our Center Support (people covering the center) meeting on Tuesday January 5th (Sharon, Kathy, Alicia)
 - a. Schedule is set and ready to go
2. The Center will be open from 3:30-5:30pm Tuesday-Thursday by appointment using the [google form](#)
3. Quotes for the sign out front. [Link to quotes](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Study groups:
 - a. Acceptances have been emailed
 - b. Book orders are in and an email is going out -- books have arrived!
 - c. Facilitator Meeting on Monday to connect -- a few people showed up

Concern was expressed regarding providing social security cards. Pat W -- this is a perennial concern for people. Some people have physically come to BOCES with their cards. It is in a secure database. If they are dropped off with Paul, he will personally deliver them to BOCES. Pat W -- there are 10 study groups this year, and we've had a very quick turn-around of information. We are in a good place. In terms of programming, we just have to make sure we link it to our grant priorities. We do have \$900 budgeted to cover conference fees -- there are virtual conferences that this could be used for. Possibly the conference committee could meet about this. Do not currently have a conference committee. Deb, Eliza have been on the committee in the past. Deb suggested it be added to the next newsletter.

In terms of a spending wish list, would it be best to email Paul, or bring it up at the next meeting? Paul is open to either. It would be good for us to review what our approved priorities are. Pat W. suggests having it on the February agenda. Where would we find the list of priorities? Pat W -- it's on the grant. Is the grant shared publicly? This will be an important topic for February. Keep in mind that purchasing needs to be done with quite a bit of time. Members asked to think about spending and email Paul with any suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Already discussed

OPEN FORUM: Sharon W -- huge kudos to Paul for the work he's done at the Teacher Center. It looks great! Books can be picked up today, tomorrow, or Thursday -- Paul will send out an email.

Motion to ADJOURNMENT: Sharon W motion to adjourn, Deb seconds. Adjourned at 4:29 pm.

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

Future Meeting Dates

2/9/2021	3/9/2021	4/13/2021
5/11/2021	6/1/2021	