

Teacher Center of Broome County

Date: 2/13/18
Meeting Minutes



Call to Order: Diana at 4:08 pm

<u>Debbie Sluzar</u> (BINGHAMTON)	<u>Tina Conklin</u> (CHENANGO VALLEY)	Pat Walsh (LEA)	<u>Karen Doolittle</u> (VESTAL)
Nicole Fenty (Binghamton University)	XX (DEPOSIT)	<u>Erin Hitchcock</u> (MAINE ENDWELL)	Pat Follette (WHITNEY POINT SUPERINTENDENT)
<u>Sharon Mannix</u> (BOCES)	Lori DeAngelo (DIRECTOR)	<u>Diana Simpson</u> (NON PUBLIC)	<u>Andrea Gresko</u> (SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY)
<u>Mike Sabo</u> (BUSINESS)	<u>Sharon Wells</u> (EARLY CHILDHOOD)	XX (PARENT)	XX (WINDSOR)
<u>Deb Daniels</u> (CHENANGO FORKS)	XX (HARPURSVILLE)	<u>Sarah Reid</u> (PUBLIC LIBRARY)	Nadine Ferguson (WHITNEY POINT)

Guest: Scott Vosbury, BOCES IT

Excused:

**Absent: Nicole Fenty, Pat Follette, Mike Sabo, Sharon Wells.
No representative for: Deposit, Harpursville, Windsor, Parent.**

Previous Minutes Sharon/Tina. passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Welcome Nadine Ferguson from Whitney Point!

CORRESPONDENCE: Lori has connected with Jackie Stapleton from WSKG and will be joining the WSKG Educational Advisory Committee. Idea to have a joint open house.

LEA REPORT: Budget reconciliation, Pat. FS10A to move money among categories. We had an increase in our grant, overprojected our study groups, and a few other things that need to be adjusted. Recommended to move money to Supplies & Materials (technology replacements and book incentive). May want to reduce travel line for next year (Lori has 2 upcoming conferences but does not know the cost). Travel expenses can go toward conferences. Questions about \$2,800 in Purchased Services and \$2,250 in Travel Expenses and how we could make sure we spend some of that money instead of losing it. Tina motioned to approve the FS10A as it was presented to us. Sharon seconded. Passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Results of Survey sent out in January to all teachers using Survey Monkey. Gail helped create the survey, asking about knowledge of the Teacher Center. Suggestions about advertising: social media, presentation for faculty meetings, brochures. Workshop interests: several people mentioned ELL, writing workshops, special education/RTI/IEPS, NGSS, behavior management, integrating technology, supporting students with social/emotional/mental health needs, managing Guiding Reading and Guided Math groups. Many names were offered as potential presenters. A little over 100 people filled out the survey. Survey Monkey cut off the last question which asked for people's contact info.

Some people will not come to workshops after school. Possibility of online workshops (SAMRI). Traveling workshop to a districts have been offered -- said to contact the Teacher Center. Probably many people don't know this.

Suggestions: email at beginning of month of workshops -- MyLearningPlan is not the easiest to use for TC workshops. Many people are not getting TCUpdates. Lori will look into this.

Lori will be going to ASCD (3/24-26 in Boston) and The Spring symposium in March (3/6-7 in Albany). Gail Szeliga will be filling in at the TC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Plans for FS10A
2. BCTC Book Incentive -- we've done this 2 different ways. The first time was any book up to \$40. The second time we had a list of books for people to pick from. List was emailed out, 24 hours to submit your choice (like through a Google Form). Everyone is invited to send a list of suggested books to Lori by 2/27 so that she can compile a list of suggested titles.
3. Open House -- March has NYSCATE, and Lori will be gone in March. Then spring break and state testing. Jackie from WSKG said there was a joint Open House in late August. There was a lot of foot traffic then. This would be great to bring in people who know about the TC, but not people who are new to the idea of TC. October would be better for this.
4. Scott Vosbury, IT Director BT BOCES. Coordinator for BOCES as a district, UE, and service desk at BOCES. Most districts use BOCES managed IT services (MITS) -- specialized teams, instead of one person doing everything. The Teacher Center is a little different because in a way we service all schools in Broome County. We save by not having our own server, and licensing discounts through BOCES. Our systems have their own image, because not all districts use the same image. They provide technical support to Lori, and reimage devices at the start/end of the school year. They also cover internet, dividing the network into BOCES and Time Warner. They determine what kind of connection we need and make recommendations, ie. upgrading our internet speed. They deal with things like switches and wiring in ceiling. They provide data backup and disaster recovery program (with BU). Participate in microsoft licensing program (Office, email) and Adobe. Seeing a trend toward more cloud-based usage. Occasionally have sent a tech to the Teacher Center, but not a regular occurrence. MITS provides mainly behind-the-scenes work. They maintain/review our larger equipment inventory, and a copy was provided, showing recommendations as to replacements. Not suggesting we replace all those things (ie. MacBooks), but we may want to discuss whether we want to replace them or not. His replacement projections are on the high end (safer than underestimating costs). End-of-life is mostly a concern for iPads, because the operating system on the older ones can't be updated. Emerging technologies -- no major breakthroughs, but SmartBoards are becoming obsolete and being replaced with interactive TVs (\$2500-\$3000). Another trend is that teachers don't want to be tied to the front of the room at a board, and use casting devices (phone, tablet, Chromebook) to a noninteractive TV. Huge influx of Chromebooks in the local schools. Updates are much faster and usage in general is much faster than with the laptops. Chromebooks have an end-of-life (5 or 6 years) on the device, which is different than laptops that don't have an end-of-life. Casting devices are new in the districts, and MITS is currently evaluating them to determine what are the best ways to move forward (not all devices are equal in cost and benefit). Software trends -- each district is different, but Schoology is used by most. No real trends to report (Office, Adobe). Scott has access to the 23 schools in the MITS system, and can see what technologies are being purchased (ie. Chromebooks are huge right now). Seeing more of Google drive, Office 365, mobility/moving around the room requests. Has not seen a lot of virtual reality yet, but knows there is talk about it. Some people have borrowed it from BOCES, some districts have some equipment.

OPEN FORUM:

Question about conference grants. Review of how this worked in the past (reimbursement of up to \$50). This could be a way to spend some of our extra money (from travel expenses). There is a form in the director's materials. We could up the reimbursement amount. Up the amount to a \$100 reimbursement. Now: keep the conditions the way it was before. Future: awardee should also have to do some kind of a report or be willing to present in order to get reimbursed (but not get paid to present). Ask for submissions before March meeting so that we can discuss it then. Sara: motion to reinstate the conference grants, removing the \$50 limit. Tina seconded. Passed. Lori will pull out the paperwork and send it out ASAP. Applications will be due before our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:55 pm

Future meetings dates: March 13, 2018

Sept 12, 2017	Oct 10, 2017	Nov 14, 2017	Dec 12, 2017	Jan 16, 2018
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Feb 13, 2018	Mar 13, 2018	Apr 17, 2018	May 8, 2018	June 5, 2018
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