

Teacher Center of Broome County

November 10th, 2020 Meeting Agenda



Call to Order: 4:04 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 (Harpursville)	Sarah Reid (Public Library)	Nadine Ferguson (Whitney Point)

Also present: Paul Volkert, acting Teacher Center director

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

Not in attendance: Pat Follette, Sharon Wells, Gretchen Blachowiak, Sarah Reid

Previous Minutes: Eliza moves to approve, Mike seconds. passed (one date needed to be changed)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

Director's Report/LEA REPORT:

Acting Director - Paul Volkert

1. Regional TC Director Meetings
 - a. Discussions around budget adjustments (how to trim if needed)
 - b. Continuing discussion around what needs to be submitted when we know about funds (FS10a). Hoping to have more information soon
 - c. Many TCs are on pause - some are having free programing, a few are open
 - d. November 10th NYSUT meeting
 - e. November 17th New Directors meeting
2. [October Newsletter](#) with updates (Study groups)
3. Open house video is in the works (pictures, audio, video). Releasing when we can open.

Facility update

1. The Center is cleaned, organized, and workstations are socially distanced. Ready to open when we can!
2. Possibility of opening? We are waiting to hear on the grant funding, but we are getting phone calls from teachers. Would like to discuss having the Center be open one day per week. Potentially rotate the day it's open. Open by appointment might be sticky. Could probably allow at least 6 people socially distanced. Signage is up; would need to check on our available cleaning supplies. Paul would be compensated as part of his duties and based on the feedback he's gotten (others have been approved, but we would not have them working at this point because they cannot be paid until we receive funding). Pat W. believes that we will be able to be open at some point, but it will need to be more limited than in the past. The salary line is where we have room in the budget, and this will likely take a hit. It would be good to have a sign-up or

assigned time slot, in case we have too many people show up at once. Paul will look at scheduling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Study groups:

The committee met via Zoom. Would like to still have study groups, dependent on funding.

1. Added a section in the newsletter to get people thinking about them
2. Deadline/dates might have to be adjusted/pushed back some, hoping for a December application due date (depending on funding).
3. Discussed the potential of having study groups meet via Zoom, and adjusting attendance reporting. There is great value to these groups, even if they can't meet in person. We are ready to offer these as soon as we have funding confirmation. Looking to let the study groups run from January until around Spring Break time. Option to have groups complete the application before we receive funding, just to give groups more time. [Books are paid for when they are ordered.]

Committee may meet again.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN FORUM: none

ADJOURNMENT: Karen moves to adjourn, Mike seconds. Passed. Adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 8th, 2020 at 4pm

Future Meeting Dates

1/12/2021	2/9/2021	3/9/2021
4/13/2021	5/11/2021	6/1/2021