

Policy Board Meeting, 3/12/19
4:00 pm

Meeting Presider: Emily
Meeting Secretary: Erin

Present:

Deb Daniels (Chenango Forks)
Diana Simpson (Seton)
Emily Rose (Windsor)
Jennifer Liep (New Director)
Pat Walsh (LEA)
Erin Hitchcock (Maine-Endwell)
Sharon Wells (Early Childhood)
Sharon Mannix (BOCES)
Karen Vill (Vestal)
Michael Sabo (Business)
Pat Follette (Superintendent)
Sarah Reid (Public Library)
Nadine Ferguson (Whitney Point)

Absent: Eliza Taylor (Binghamton), Nicole Fenty (Binghamton University), Tina Conklin (Chenango Valley), Andrea Gresko (Susquehanna Valley)
No representative for: Deposit, Harpursville, Parent

Welcome to Jenn, our new director! Some communication has gone out over Twitter and listserv.

LEA Report -- Pat

Budget update. Important to demonstrate that our monies have been going toward professional development/teacher programming. This has been a challenge with the director transitions over the last 18 months.

Study groups are up and running. This has been a significant focus for the last 7-8+ years.

Spending down the rest of the money may be a challenge, but it is important and we have several months. Jenn has reached out for presenters (email sent to listserv). State Ed has asked Teacher Centers to make sure they spend as much as they can, since it may impact future awards.

Jennifer has created a list of needed supplies to spend down that amount.

Travel Expenses -- committee reviewed teacher applications for conference. A few have been awarded so far. This could be an area of real growth for us.

ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) Conference in Philadelphia at end of June. Approximately \$500. Policy Board is willing to have Jenn go and have it paid for from Teacher Conference travel. Motion to allow for the money in the director's travel line for this conference: Sharon W./Sharon M. passed.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes: Sharon W./Karen. passed.

Director's Report

15 people used Center last month, mainly for laminator and poster printer
1 workshop with a few attendees. 1 workshop scheduled for next week
3 responses for potential presenters, likely end of April/early May
Attended Spring Symposium last week, contact with mental health presenter for late spring Meeting with Arts Council about potential presenters
Will reach out to the person who was tentatively going to do photography workshops (Mallory from Vestal) -- we had purchased digital cameras for this year
Possibility of round tables focused on certain topics (ie. Music, Fine Arts)
May 6-7 conference for new directors

Committee Reports

Study Group Committee -- 1 group is not going through with their study group this year because their book was not available.

New Business

Scheduling workshops, Policy Board asked to help support (reach out to potential presenters, consider attending). Workshops are open to community members, but they would need to sign up through MyLearningPlan or by calling the Teacher Center -- some of the public librarians may be interested. This also means support staff/aides could attend. Discussion about advertising to the public. Reminder that our name and focus is on Teachers and utilizing the Center resources (laminator, posters, etc.) is for teacher use.

Emily/Sharon W. motion to adjourn. Passed. 4:48 pm

Future dates:

April 9

May 14 (correction from May 4)

June 4 (June meeting is earlier in order to sign the grant application)