SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL & COMMUNICATION COORDINATORS

JOINT MINUTES

October 13, 2015

PRESENT
Robin Amer (Marlboro); Edna Auerfeld (Greenwood Lake); Christine Banuls (Goshen); Vanessa Baron (Florida); Karen Cissel (Middletown); Lynn Daniels (Cornwall); Tiffany Davis (Mount St. Mary College); Carolyn DiIorio (Chester); Joanna Doyle (Washingtonville); Linda Frazer (Tuxedo); Linda Gale (O-U BOCES); Catherine Gilligan (Newburgh); Barbara Introcaso (Valley Central); Diane Lang (O-U BOCES); Laura Lerner (Monroe-Woodbury); Sheri McNair (Highland Falls); Lisa Perkowski (Port Jervis); Lisa Ruyack (Pine Bush); Zachary Spalding (SENYLRC); Maggie Spicehandler (Minisink); Kathleen Turner (Warwick).

ABSENT
Amy Cordisco (O-U BOCES); Randall Enos (RCLS); Mary Ellen Leimer (Newburgh); Dolores Lombardo (Minisink); Deborah Tamulis (NYMA).

CALL TO ORDER
Linda Frazer, Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council members were welcomed back. Linda Gale, Interim SLS Coordinator (O-U BOCES) introduced Dr. Diane Lang, Director of Instructional Support Services (O-U BOCES), to the group.

Dr. Lang reviewed the status of the School Library System and the search to fill the Coordinator position. A search was initiated this summer, with numerous candidates responding. This position requires a School Library System certification and Administrative certification along with three + years of school experience. Dr. Lang explained that a waiver could be issued for candidates without the Administrative certificate if this is acquired within three years of hire date and reviewed the process to do so.

Dr. Lang noted that BOCES was able to bring in Linda Gale as a part-time librarian to work with SLS staff and school library media specialists in the system. She will be in the office every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Orange-Ulster BOCES is in the process of interviewing candidates with a target date of December for hiring a new Coordinator in SLS.

APPROVAL OF MAY 5, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Copies of the May 5, 2015, School Library System Council Meeting Minutes were distributed to members for review and/or corrections if needed. The following corrections were noted:

“Fall Into Books – to be held – on back
And “Word Book” should be “World Book.”
Linda Frazer asked for a motion to accept the minutes with these corrections. Chistine Banuls, Council Vice Chairperson, made the motion. Lisa Ruyack seconded the motion. All were in favor and the May 5, 2015 SLS Council Meeting Minutes were approved as corrected.

**RCLS Report-Randall Enos**

No report. Randall Enos was absent.

**SENYLRC Report-Zachary Spalding**

Zachary Spalding of SENYLRC provided handouts to the group entitled, *Upcoming CE at Southeastern!* He reviewed the workshop offerings from the list, which included eBooks, *HRVH Update Webinar* and *Unconference*, as well as *Special Interest Group* programs and *NY 3Rs Upcoming Events*. He reminded those interested in attending to subscribe to the listserv to keep up to date. Also discussed:

- A reminder that an historical database is available to access, which has been updated to include newspapers.
- SEAL: The VDX System will be retired and a new system will be put into use by year’s end. Judy Fischetti on staff will be holding trainings.
- VDX and OPALS should be “talking” to each other so that Orange-Ulster BOCES Union Catalog collection will show up in SEAL in a more up-to-date way.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS-Dr. Diane Lang**

- Committee meetings designated at this meeting: ReadAloud, Spelling Bee, Mock Books, and Professional Development.
- Dr. Lang would like each committee to appoint a chair to decide what the committee wants to accomplish so that there is a “target” person in charge.
- Changes to professional development this year:
  - Everyone in a school needs five hours of ELL per Regulation 154.
  - Next year, 100 hours over five years of professional development
- According to NYS Law, as of July 1, 2016, everyone must reregister with State Ed. Dept. and complete the 100 hours of certified professional development every five years through a certified provider.

11:00-11:30 Break into Committee Meetings and report back at 11:45

**Committee Reports**

- Great New York ReadAloud Committee-Christine Banuls reported.
  National Library Week is April 13, 2016. The theme this year is: “Libraries Transform!” The committee will be working with Gail Heaton, SLS Secretary, to book the site for this venue. There is a need to pull in the older students, and a video will be used as a promo to this end.

- Spelling Bee Committee- Sheri McNair reported.
  Karen Cissel will chair if need be, but committee would like this to be part of SLS Director’s responsibility. They would like to see the prize be more “library centered” instead of a large dictionary.
Committee Reports (cont.)

o Battle of the Books – Sheri McNair reported.
  RCLS does this already. Need to talk to Randall Enos in order to be sure that they are not pulling kids
  from the RCLS program. Money concerns—where would the funding come from? Could this group
  work with RCLS instead of cross-promoting?
  Also, the idea of having a regional book festival/author day similar to what Warwick does (Children’s
  Fest) or RCLS does at Thrall Library in Middletown with local authors.

o Mock Book Awards Committee- Linda Gale reported.
  This event is scheduled for January 6th – Snow Date, January 7th, 2016. It will follow a similar format to
  what the Sullivan BOCES SLS has done in the past. BOCES will get books for the list and have ILL’s
  available for those participating in the reading. This will be more open because we will be able to have
  more participants coming from our districts this year. The BOCES Onken Center holds 50 people.

o Professional Development Committee-Laura Lerner reported.
  Plans to have BOCES sponsor professional development in finding resources and doing collection
  development to support those staff working with ELL. Also need to have digital resources on
  professional development and invite teachers to the events as well, similar to what was done last year
  with Social Studies. Also, invite vendors to present on how their products would support ELL and other
  learners as well. Kathleen Turner will chair this committee.

Break for lunch.

ELLs AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES-Dr. Diane Lang

Dr. Lang presented information pertaining to ELL and school libraries and how librarians can impact English
language learners’ education.

SHARING AND ADJOURNMENT

Questions were answered and participants broke into groups. Ideas were shared including resources and
concerns in a general discussion.

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2015 (snow date: December 17, 2015)*
*This date was changed after the meeting and corrected.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Council meeting notes were submitted by:
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