SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL & COMMUNICATION COORDINATORS
JOINT MINUTES--AMENDED
December 16, 2016

PRESENT
Robin Amer (Marlboro); Edna Auerfeld (Greenwood Lake); Christine Banuls (Goshen); Vanessa Baron (Florida); Karen Cissel (Middletown); Lynn Daniels (Cornwall); Carolyn DiLorio (Chester); Randall Enos (RCLS); Linda Frazer (Tuxedo); Linda Gale (O-U BOCES); Catherine Gilligan (Newburgh); Barbara Introcaso (Valley Central); Diane Lang (O-U BOCES); Dolores Lombardo (Minisink); Lauren Milholland (O-U BOCES); Lisa Perkowski (Port Jervis); Teri Richardson (Washingtonville); Lisa Ruyack (Pine Bush); Zachary Spalding (SENYLRC); Maggie Spicehandler (Minisink); Deborah Tamulis (NYMA); Kathleen Turner (Warwick).

ABSENT
Amy Cordisco (O-U BOCES); Tiffany Davis (Mount St. Mary College); Laura Lerner (Monroe-Woodbury), Sheri McNair (Highland Falls).

CALL TO ORDER
Linda Frazer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Linda Frazer welcomed all present. There has been a “baby boom” this year among our regional librarians. Maureen Stalter welcomed baby Grace, Maggie Spicehandler welcomed baby Juniper, Lauren Milholland welcomed baby Penelope, Vanessa Baron welcomed baby Maris, all girls, and Tiffany Davis welcomed baby boy Gavin –Congratulations to all!

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES
Copies of the previous meeting’s minutes were distributed to members for review and/or corrections if needed. Linda Frazer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Council meeting. Barbara Introcaso made the motion to accept. Deborah Tamulis seconded the motion. All members moved to accept and the October 19, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes were approved as written with no corrections.

SENYLRC Report-Zachary Spalding
No report. Zachary Spalding was not present at the meeting.

RCLS Report-Randall Enos
Randy Enos had offered a supply of Harry Potter wall posters to give away at the meeting. He also supplied
NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2017 flyers as handouts for the group. This event is on March 1, 2017, and the deadline to register is February 23rd. Students in high school and middle school enjoy this trip to support libraries and are welcomed by legislators.

The “Fall Into Books” Conference will take place October 25, 2017. Mr. Enos supplied the Book Discussion Leader Volunteer Form as a handout to anyone interested in the group. These forms will be due by February 16, 2017 and should be sent to Randy Enos. Anyone who signs up as a discussion leader will not be charged the registration fee.

The 2017 Collaborative Summer Library Program’s theme this year is “Build a Better World.” Catalogs were available as handouts to all attending. Award-winning illustrator David Macaulay is responsible for the Children’s and Early Literacy Themes of the program. Mr. Enos will be doing the newspapers again.

**New Business-General Discussion**

Kathie Turner spoke about the newly renovated Warwick High School Library as “fantastic!” The former building was gutted, and the new library offers incredible technology, including Smart tv’s and computer labs. She has been working at another building and can now go back to the high school. Their grand opening is planned for mid-January. She helped with suggestions for furniture and set up of the suite. All this was made possible by through Smart Schools Bond Act funds. Assistant Principal of Warwick Valley CSD, Mr. James Yap, was responsible for having the funds designated to library improvement. Lisa Perkowski stated that Port Jervis was also able to have the Smart Schools Bond funds go to improving the elementary school libraries. The group asked Kathie Turner if she would find out if the next Library Council Meeting in February could be held at the new Warwick Library. She agreed to ask and will get back to Linda Gale as soon as she has an answer.

Lisa Perkowski stated that more libraries are using SEAL 2.0. She spoke to Judy Fischetti. The academic libraries are still a problem. It is better to call directly for ILL’s. She is finding SEAL much easier to use now, and highly recommends it.

**Review of 24/7-Linda Gale**

The Orange-Ulster BOCES website is presently undergoing upgrades and improvements for the coming year. Libraries need to have a presence on their district website homepage. The homepage should include a link to the library for every school website.

Linda Gale explained how the 24/7 offers a quick and easy access from this library link. She next demonstrated how this access works, using Pine Bush and Port Jervis as examples of prominent website links. She will offer assistance if anyone needs help with making a decision to purchase this service. Lisa Perkowski suggested that a uniform format in the layout of all the schools’ templates makes it easier for the students to use it. However, she is not happy with the Follett Destiny One Search.

Lisa Ruyack said that the 24/7 format is great. All her students have Chromebooks now. The username and passwords being consistently the same has the kids loving it. She sees more use in the library and the classrooms.

Linda Gale expects to have all the databases up and running by the end of the year. The charge for 24/7 will be between $200-$250 per school. If the school is presently using OPALS, 24/7 comes at no extra charge. Horizon and Destiny users would have the charge for 24/7. This will be available for purchase through BOCES on the annual database order form.
Linda Frazer said that her teachers are on board for 24/7 because of the easy access. Edna Auerfeld wanted to know if there will be a federated search available soon. Linda Gale will find out and get back to the group about this.

Robin Amer asked about Open Source. Linda Gale was in Albany for a new directors’ training. She said that John Schuster sent a list of open source databases. Would this be more beneficial to add databases by level or to list them as a “pick and choose” format. Robin Amer asked if these could be put on tabs. Linda Gale will do a listserv message to all with this information.

Break for Holiday luncheon and sharing.

**Committees and Reports**

**Professional Development Committee**

Linda Gale asked the group what conferences should be attended? Should a person be chosen to attend and report back to the Council? Lisa Perkowski suggested that any SLMSSENY and SSL conference are very important to attend, or to send someone there. The SSL Conference will be in Buffalo this year. Linda Gale hoped that attendees could disseminate the information and share with all the librarians. If possible, a sponsorship for a person going to these conferences would be an idea to look into.

Barbara Introcaso was hoping for a webpage for social studies teachers, where they could put resources up there for speakers, memorabilia, and a constant influx of information to share. Kathleen Helhoski of Orange-Ulster BOCES is working on this and has almost completed it. It will be up shortly on Google Docs on the BOCES website, under the “Instruction” tab on the homepage and “Social Studies Initiative.” Lisa Perkowski and Sheri McNair spoke about the December 7th conference, and hoped the information from this will be put out on the listserv.

**Mock Books**

Linda Gale and Linda Frazer discussed the program and handed out information. Presenters are needed for the program. Those presenting their favorite selection will be the first to pick for Newbery and Printz from the giveaways. Edna Auerfeld thought two groups for Middle School would be appropriate for discussions. The group was asked to bring in books they are discarding to give away at the Mock Books. Books must be newer and in good condition. The librarian will be given a coupon for a free book choice from the used book table for each book donated. Coupons will be given out at the event.

**Library Collection Development and Support**

Robin Amer and Sheri McNair are reviewing sharing collections and how to make it seamless. Resources at BOCES, Video on Demand, etc. What libraries have access to per BOCES Co-Sers, including multiple copy kits, if they joined the PRL Co-Ser., etc.

**Technology Collection & Development**

Karen Cissel and Maggie Spicehandler suggested a professional development opportunity on bibliographies and to invite teachers to come. Encourage district-wide use of EasyBib. build a K-12 cross-discipline using Tiffany Davis and the resources from Mount St. Mary College. Get English teachers on board and on the same page.
too. Lisa Perkowski noted that SENYLRC is doing a round-table with middle school, high school and college librarians involved in the discussions. Kathie Turner asked if BOCES could send someone to co-teach at districts. Maker Spaces and Follett One Search could be possibilities.

By-Laws and Member Plan

Linda Gale provided a copy of the By-Laws of the SLS Advisory Council to each member present.

She had recently taken a State Library tour, which involved a presentation on Talking Books/Braille. These are not just for children who are blind, but are also for adults with certain physical disabilities. If someone cannot hold a book, for example, they would qualify and benefit using this program. A tri-fold handout from the NYS Library entitled, “Reading Resources for Those in Need” was provided to everyone attending the meeting, along with a bookmark template, “DayByDayNY Family Literacy Calendar, Ready to Read at New York Libraries.” Linda Gale also had an informational flyer handout “Ready to Read at New York Libraries” for all present.

Wrap Up and Meeting Adjournment

Other handouts provided for the group at this meeting included flyers entitled, Winter 2016-2017 Updates and Events from the Orange-Ulster BOCES SLS, CELL Conference Workshops and Find Your Park, Historic Site, Museum, Gain a Classroom.

Linda Gale thanked all who brought a covered dish or dessert to share for the Holiday luncheon. Linda Frazer called for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Carolyn DiIorio made the motion. Dolores Lombardo seconded. The Council passed the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2017.

Meeting minutes were submitted by:
Gail Heaton, School Secretary