SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL & COMMUNICATION COORDINATORS
JOINT MINUTES
February 9, 2018

PRESENT
Robin Amer (Marlboro); Jennifer Atkins (Valley Central); 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); Catherine Gilligan (Newburgh); Dolores Lombardo (Minisink); Sheri McNair (Highland Falls); Lisa Perkowski (Port Jervis); Teri Richardson (Washingtonville); Zachary Spalding (SENYLRC); Maggie Spicehandler (Minisink); Kathleen Turner (Warwick), Diana Wendell (O-U BOCES).

ABSENT
Amy Cordisco (O-U BOCES); Sharon Fox (Tuxedo); Laura Lerner (Monroe-Woodbury); Lisa Ruyack (Pine Bush); Deborah Tamulis (NYMA); Excused: Randall Enos (RCLS).

CALL TO ORDER
Lynn Daniels, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. Diana Wendell asked the group if there would be any additional items for today’s agenda. There were none.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2017 MEETING MINUTES
Copies of the previous meeting’s minutes were distributed to members for review and/or corrections if needed. Maggie Spicehandler asked that a correction be made on page 5 under, “Sharing from School Librarians,” paragraph 1, 3rd sentence. The description of the Greenville Resource Center should be changed to “now in a new building, as this more accurately reflects on the condition of the building where it is presently housed. On page 5, paragraph 2, Teri Richardson noted that her first name had been misspelled. The SLS secretary made a note to make these corrections as stated. Christine Banuls asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Council meeting. Kathleen Turner made the motion to accept. Carolyn DiIorio seconded the motion. All members moved to accept and the December 15, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes were approved with corrections as noted above.

Diana Wendell asked who would be staying for this afternoon’s program, which will begin at 12:30 and focus on the new AASL Standards. All present stated that they would be staying for the p.m. workshop.

SLS MISSION-Final Approval
Diana Wendell reviewed the Mission Statement and a general discussion followed. She asked for a motion to approve the revised Mission Statement as written, “To improve student learning by supporting excellence in school library programs.” Maggie Spicehandler made the motion. Carolyn DiIorio seconded. All were in favor, and the revised Mission Statement was approved. Diana Wendell will update the website and the Plan of Service to indicate this revision.
SLS BYLAWS-Final Approval

Diana Wendell handed out copies of By-Laws of the Orange-Ulster BOCES School Library System Advisory Council and led a discussion on revisions to it as previously discussed at the last Council/Coordinators meeting, with a focus on Section 7, page 2. She asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Bylaws. Lynn Daniels made the motion. Christine Banuls seconded. At the end of the Minutes is a marked up copy of the Bylaws, showing the changes. The motion was passed unanimously. Diana Wendell will make the necessary revisions and put these up on the website. The BOCES website features an “About the SLS”/Council page with all this information. Diana Wendell suggested that all check out these pages and to please send ideas or changes to us. Pictures of events are also welcome, and could be posted here.

ADVOCACY/SLS BUDGET

Diana Wendell shared with the Council members flyers for the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) bus to the NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2018, which is February 28th. She has created a web page listing the State representatives for our area. Dolores Lombardo and Sheri McNair with be attending Library Advocacy Day with students. It is $5 to go on the RCLS charter bus if any are interested in joining them on the trip to Albany.

This year, the 4% cut to library system aid proposed by the Governor was restored by the Legislature, and although this does not directly affect school library funding, it affects Library System funding and the programs we can offer. Lisa Perkowski spoke about the impact of unfunding library system aid, and how inflation impacts libraries. Diana Wendell agreed that this affects our students, as there are fewer resources available to them. She explained the State formula for funding SLS. Diana Wendell next shared the draft SLS operating and categorical aid budgets and gave a brief overview of Library CoSer funding and how this works with SLS aid.

Become a School Librarian Brochure

This finalized brochure was handed out. Maggie Spicehandler mentioned that Pratt is closing their LMS program (not the entire library school), and Diana Wendell thanked her and mentioned that it has been taken out of the brochure. St. John Fisher College’s LMS online program was added.

A discussion followed on the demand in NY State for school librarians. If schools cannot hire certified librarians, they will hire certified teachers. Diana Wendell asked members to take multiple copies of the brochure, and stressed the importance of putting the brochure out there for subs, potentially interested teachers and student career fairs, which can also be a route to get the word out. The link to this brochure, along with a Libguide on this topic and events, can be found on the Library website.

A general discussion followed on reciprocity requirements for the out-of-state transition to New York State LMS certification.

After a short break at 10:00, the meeting resumed at 10:15. Zachary Spalding from SENYLRC arrived, and was introduced and welcomed.

NYLA Organizational Membership

Diana Wendell stated that the SLS NYLA Organizational Membership is in place. She passed out flyers to the group, Become a NYLA Member, which explains how to take advantage of the reduced membership rate.
**Courier/ILL Information Update**

Diana Wendell updated the group on the meeting she had with Robert Hubsher, Executive Director of RCLS. The RCLS courier would pick up ILL requests placed at public libraries from their nearby school libraries. Color-coded slips would be provided and included with each delivery package or bag. She passed out a form to be filled in with information for every school wishing to participate. Robin Amer noted that Marlboro is not part of RCLS. Diana Wendell stated that some Ulster County public libraries are part of RCLS. RCLS will be working in the Mid-Hudson Public Library System to make accommodations for Marlboro. ILL's through the mail and the BOCES courier can continue. This is an optional choice.

Mr. Hubsher is trying to get public library cards for school librarians as well. Lisa Perkowski wanted to know what happens if a school library has overdue fines from the public library. Zack Spalding noted that if there were fines, many times that library would be locked out from borrowing. He also mentioned that in addition to SEAL, the Empire State Network might be a resource for delivery of materials.

**Databases**

Next followed a discussion on 24/7-NOVEL and Gale Pages websites. Some in the group love the change and like how it is easy to use. Subject pages and links to buttons for databases can be created. A half-day, summer workshop on Gale Pages as an alternative to 24/7, with a Cengage Gale rep., will be planned.

Diana Wendell wanted to see if there was any interest in an Overdrive eBook/audio book shared collection. The advantage to this is that it would be easy to quickly build a large shared collection. Libraries could add to it for their school only if they wanted to. A base fee would be charged, and then a committee from the Council would select the titles. This is State aidable, and would be part of a CoSer. Students can access Overdrive and download eBooks and audio books and even make purchase suggestions. Diana Wendell will look into having a rep come to demonstrate this system.

**Sharing-Mock Books Discussion**

There are four people on the Mock Books Group Committee. At this year’s event, only two high school people attended. Diana Wendell asked if it makes sense to continue with the Printz Award considering this, and she suggested possibly the Coretta Scott King Award instead. Would two half-day sessions for different interest levels be possible? Diana Wendell thought ideas could be shared if changes in criteria are to be planned for next year’s program. Teri Richardson thought we could combine with RCLS. Many of our school librarians like to prepare ahead of time by reading selections over the summer. Diana Wendell mentioned that RCLS doesn’t put their lists together until fall, so combining might not work. Due to timing and the need for a larger venue, it would be difficult to do this with a group of about 60 people. Please email Diana Wendell your ideas on this.

**Ramapo-Catskill Library System Report**

Randall Enos was not able to come to this meeting as he is attending ALA Midwinter. Diana Wendell shared his report that the Book Banquet would take place on May 14th at SUNY Orange and there is still time to join the bus on Advocacy Day on February 28th.

**SENYLRC Report-Zachary Spalding**

Southeastern will be offering two high school to college transition events: on April 26: High School to College Special Interest Group with Lara Patel of SUNY Orange, and also the Educator Labs in June. Zack Spalding
provided a handout for all, **SENYLRC Upcoming Workshops**. A full list of events and registration information can be found on their website: [www.senylrc.org](http://www.senylrc.org). He spoke about the *Special Interest Group* classes coming up and about **SENY-Con 2018**, which is a conference with library professionals presenting on April 13th. On May 2nd is a resource sharing opportunity, *Filling Your Ill Toolbox*, taking place at Southeastern. Zack Spalding next spoke about the HRVH website, which includes photos and documents from historical societies in the region, including Orange County papers. For medical information access, contact Judy Fischetti. SEAL Training is available live or as a recorded webinar, if needed. Diana Wendell noted that this can also be accessed under our ILL Resources link on the SLS website and that we can sponsor a training if there is interest.

**Report: Mount St. Mary College-Tiffany Davis**

Tiffany Davis spoke about the SENYLRC *Educator Lab: High School to College Transition*, which will take place June 26 - June 28 at the FDR Museum and Mount St. Mary College. Day 1 will be Copyright and Fair Use; Day 2 will cover Resources, Databases, Catalog topics; Day 3 covers Archival Resources at the FDR Museum: How to use them and integrate into the classroom. Participants can do one or more days. Tiffany Davis next spoke about the Banned Books Symposium on March 10, with Jay Asher as the Keynote Speaker and author of *13 Reasons Why*. There will be a book sale and signing. Also at the Mount, the night before on March 9 is a *Suicide Awareness & Prevention* event, where you can meet this author and hear him talk about his controversial book. A panel of mental health professionals will be leading a discussion on this issue. Flyers for both events were available and handed out at the meeting, including a list of *Banned Books Symposium Workshop Descriptions*.

**Sharing and Discussion**

Discussions included some new ideas for library events, including a Tech Petting Zoo. Lisa Perkowski uses Bookmarks-*I CAN HELP! What the PJHS Library Can do for You*, which includes star bullets with highlighted areas, and *Reasons Why You Need a Librarian and Not “Just Google.”* She provided copies of these to share with the group. Diana Wendell hoped there could be more independent reading, and encouraging reading and possibly programs to encourage it being done on student cellphones, per appropriate school policies.

A *Turnitin Lunch and Learn* flyer was handed out. This will be on February 21. Register on My Learning Plan.

Easy Bib will be ending this August. Ideas for alternatives included Noodle Tools.

Diana Wendell provided a save-the-date flyer for the *Fall Into Books* program for October 24, 2018, and feels the author is wonderful. She has written a book about her experiences as a refugee. There is room for up to 120 people for this conference. Diana Wendell suggested that all interested should read the book this summer and keep a look out for the registration info coming out in May. A mini workshop on refugee literature will be held in August.

Other handouts distributed at this meeting:
- **Brain Pop Moby...And More!** Webinar on February 13. Register on My Learning Plan.
- **Webinar: Arbordale Ebooks**, February 12, online.
- **Inquire** poster, Think-Create-Share-Grow
- **Save the Date: Orange-Ulster BOCES Spelling Bee, March 22, 2018**
- Baker and Taylor 2018 Cat Calendar and *We can all be heroes!* Stickers
Wrap Up and Meeting Adjournment

Lynn Daniels called for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Dolores Lombardo made the motion. Vanessa Baron seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Following the meeting, a workshop was held entitled: *AASL Information Literacy Standards and Future Ready Librarians Workshop.*

Next Meeting: May 21, 2018

Meeting minutes were submitted by:
Gail Heaton, School Secretary