SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM COUNCIL & COMMUNICATION COORDINATORS
JOINT MINUTES
May 21, 2018

PRESENT
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); Randall Enos (RCLS); Catherine Gilligan (Newburgh); Laura Lerner (Monroe-Woodbury); Dolores Lombardo (Minisink); Sheri McNair (Highland Falls); Teri Richardson (Washingtonville); Lisa Ruyack (Pine Bush); Maggie Spicehandler (Minisink); Maureen Stalter (Marlboro); Kathleen Turner (Warwick); Diana Wendell (O-U BOCES). Guests were: LMS from Goshen Central High School, Aileen Behringer; MLS Student and Library Intern at James I. O’Neill H.S., Danielle Dyroff; and SLMS from Port Jervis Hamilton Bicentennial E.S., Rebecca Greene.

ABSENT
Amy Cordisco (O-U BOCES); Sharon Fox (Tuxedo).

EXCUSED
Lisa Perkowski (Port Jervis); Zachary Spalding (SENYLRC); Deborah Tamulis (NYMA).

CALL TO ORDER
Lynn Daniels, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. Guests were welcomed and introduced.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2018 MEETING MINUTES
Copies of the previous meeting’s minutes were distributed to members for review and/or corrections if needed. Diana Wendell asked for a motion to accept the previous Council Meeting Minutes. Christine Banuls made the motion. Sheri McNair seconded. All members move to accept and the February 9, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL-COORDINATOR MEETING DATES FOR 2018-19
Diana Wendell reviewed available dates for the SLS Council/Coordinator meetings for 2018-2019. The following dates were being considered after a brief discussion over testing schedule conflicts in May:

- October 2, 2018
- December 13, 2018 (Snow Date: December 18, 2018)
- February 7, 2019 (Snow Date: February 12, 2019)
- May 21, 2019
Diana Wendell will send out a Google survey to all for confirmation and approval of the May meeting date. The other dates were approved. The October 2nd meeting will be held at James I. O’Neill High School in Highland Falls. The rest of the meetings will be held at the BOCES Carl Onken Center Rooms B/C, which better suits the needs of a larger group meeting than the ISS Library.

Directory Reminder: Diana next sent around the current SLS Phone Directory so that members could note any changes, deletions or additions to their district staff listed there. She also noted that changes should be sent all year to the SLS office as they occur. The updated SLS Directory can be found on the BOCES website under SLS Member Directory.

**REVIEW ANNUAL SLS END-OF-YEAR SURVEY-Diana Wendell**

There were some added questions, including: *How long have you worked as a SLS? Do you have a Makerspace? When was it created?* Those librarians who completed that were rewarded with a gift card. Although this was an incentive to get more responses, the result was that it did not net many more responses than what had been recorded in the past year.

A brief discussion regarding the Joette Mabry survey of school librarians across the state followed. SLS Coordinators are annually asked for input on these. There was a discussion on BEDS reporting, and the questions on it. We added some questions that they are interested in to our Annual Survey.

**UPCOMING EVENTS-Professional Development**

Diana Wendell reviewed upcoming events to note, including *Introduction to Noodletools,* with presenter Doreen Bergman, on June 7th, *Introduction to Creating Gale Pages,* with Tammi VanBuren on June 11th, *SLMSSENY/SLS Makerspace Boot Camp,* with Sheri McNair and Shannon Mersand June 26th – June 28th, and *Fall Into Books* –several have volunteered to lead book discussion groups for this event. If you want a place at FIB, register early! This is a smaller venue than last year. These events are listed in My Learning Plan.

On September 20th, Chris Grethel will present a workshop, *Improving Student Learning in ELA and the Library Program Through Data.* Attendees will look at the impact on library for ELA students, grades 3-8. See what skills students are struggling with from data for a district and learn to analyze it. This is a free workshop.

The mentor program will be meeting two Saturdays for sharing and breakfast, and some after school dates in the future. The after school locations will be chosen from one elementary and one secondary school for two dates.

If anyone will need a review of the SEAL system for inter-library loans or training on the SLS Union Catalog, let Diana Wendell know and she will arrange training.

**MENTOR PROGRAM-Review and Year 2-Diana Wendell**

This was our first year running a school librarian mentor program. We had four teams. Teams met in the fall and spring. SLS pays for the teams to attend the SSL Conference. On June 9th, teams will be meeting for a SLS Sharing/Mentoring Breakfast to share what they learned at this year’s SSL Conference. Sheri McNair commented very favorably on the program and the importance for new people to go to conferences. Jennifer Atkins mentioned how much Gracie Burillo, new Librarian at Valley Central Middle School, loves the program.
**RE-ELECTION OF MEMBERS WITH EXPIRING TERMS**

Monroe-Woodbury member, Laura Lerner, has requested to serve for another term on SLS Council. Diana Wendell asked for a motion to approve. Kathie Turner made the motion. Lynn Daniels seconded. The motion was passed unanimously, and Laura Lerner will serve on Council for an additional 3-year term.

Deborah Tamulis has resigned her position as the Private School Representative and was not present at this meeting. In her place, Mary Silver of the Fei Tian Academy of the Arts in Middletown, New York, a college preparatory school, has indicated willingness to serve as the new Private School Representative. Diana Wendell asked for a motion to elect Mary Silver. Christine Banuls made the motion and Kathie Turner seconded. The vote was unanimous and Mary Silver will serve as Private School Representative beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

**UPDATES-NEW PURCHASES**

SLS received some end-of-year funds and was able to purchase Rosen’s *Spotlight on Ancient Civilizations* for PRL. A handout, *Ancient Civilizations*, was distributed to the group. This is the second collection added to the Rosen eBooks. Everyone has had access to *Spotlight on New York* for a number of years. The Rosen sales rep is providing it to everyone in our region.

Also purchased is the new Digital StarLab. This state of the art planetarium is available to all districts to rent weekly, and contains appropriate lesson plans and activities for grades K-12. Science Kits are also available to rent for either the fall or spring months, with lessons for grades K-6. Many of the school librarians present expressed interest in using the science kits. Diana Wendell will send out the new brochures she has on these services offered through our SLS Co-Ser.

**RAMAPO-CATSKILL LIBRARY SYSTEM Report-Randall Enos**

Copies of the RCLS Newspapers coming out this Thursday will be brought to public libraries. This year’s Summer Reading Program theme, which is universal for all age levels, is “Libraries Rock.” They are focusing on music. More information, including graphics, can be found on the www.cslp reads.org page (Collaborative Summer Library Program). Copies of the 2017 *RCLS Guide to Summer Reading* newspaper were available for the taking.

Fall Into Books (FIB) will take place at the Crestview Conference Center, which is the same location as two years ago. Try to carpool, as there is limited parking. Registration information and booklets were provided to all present. Nick Glass of Teachingbooks will be present as well as Sandra Uwiringiyimana, author of *How Dare the Sun Rise*.

Diana Wendell spoke about an in-person *Refugee Book Discussion* and webinar on August 14. Sandra Uwiringiyimana’s book and others will be discussed. This will be held at BOCES SLS Library from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**SENYLRC Report-Zachary Spalding**

No report. Zachary Spalding was absent.
Other handouts distributed at this meeting:

**Articles:**
*Welcome to the Libratory, Kristina Holzweiss*
*We Get Long Island School Librarians Hooked on Making!*

**Flyers:**
*Upcoming Events 2018-19 Orange-Ulster BOCES SLS*
*Improving Student Learning in ELA and the Library Program Through Data*
*SLMSSENY’s Makerspace Bootcamp 3*
*Mackinmaker Maker Spaces and School Libraries*
*Save the Date! NYLA School Librarians Transform Learning*
*Intro to NOODLETOOLS Workshop*
*Gale/Cengage Pages Training and Bookmarks*
*Educator Lab: High School to College Transition*
*New Dimension Media CCC! Streaming and brochure*

**Wrap Up and Meeting Adjournment**

Lynn Daniels called for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Vanessa Baron made the motion. Maggie Spicehandler seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

For the duration of the meeting time, members were invited to a Vendor Expo to explore displays and information on book collections and educational products. Reps from Soundzabound, World Book, Infobase Learning, Gumdrop Books, ML Associates, Permabound and Factcite presented.

Following the meeting, a workshop was held entitled: *Mission Possible: Understanding Copyright and Fair Use Law.*

Next Meeting: October 2, 2018

Meeting minutes were submitted by:
Gail Heaton, School Secretary