

**HFM BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2023**

Present: Kristi Beedon, Terri Brown, Laura Campagna, Sarah Cordts, Susan D'Entremont, Lauren Goldman, Carla Bengle-Mackey, Kim Meca, Amber Smith, Christine Suhr, Eric Trahan,

Absent: Crystal Keck, Dan Towne

Advocacy letter writing to state representatives and lunch before official meeting

Welcome and Share Out: Self introductions and sharing two "bucket list " Items

Call to Order: 1:20

Annual Report and Budget:

The annual report for 22-23 was reviewed and approved

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Review of proposed budget for 2023-2024

Annual budget for 23-24 was approved

Updates:

SLS Update:Summer PD- The person you mean to Be by Dolly Chugh

- Collaboration book study with Q3 and Cap Region. Personal bias can impact the School Library Collection if unaware of what bias exists. Brief discussion of confirmation bias, headwinds and tailwinds, growth mindset vs.fixed mindset, and good "mistakes".

Media Literacy for young children by Faith Rogow

- Collaborative book study with Madison-Oneida BOCES. Terri Brown gave a short overview of the book study.
 - How to teach students to think critically, read, reflect, encounter, create and use information.
 - Terri said after the book study she realized questioning the students is not enough, it's the type of questions you need to ask. She's been more conscious of what messages she is sending to the students by the things she puts on the billboard in the media center. The main goal is to make the children be more informed, not changing their behavior. Give them the tools to let them make the choice of what's best for them.

Annual Survey: Received 32% responses last year

Results of the annual survey: shared and reviewed

Reviewed some of the highlights of the 22-23 school year in school libraries

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Reports:

MVLS- Public libraries are getting more digital resources like Kanopy (video streaming resource). They are also getting together a floating collection of new materials to float between all public libraries.

CDLC- No big projects in the near future. Two webinars coming up - November 14, 2023 Preservation of Websites webinar and on December 8, 2023 a webinar on Workplace Bullying.

FMCC- No Report

School Library Updates:

- Broadalbin Elementary had a very successful book fair. Open during both open houses. High school students dressed up as Captain SORA.
- Carla has students bobbing for books at Gloversville and enjoying Halloween type activities and movies in the library for the month of October!
- Lauren at Canajoharie has genrefied her Fiction section in 5 categories: Fantasy, History, mystery/horror, Realistic Fiction, and Science Fiction.
- Laura at Amsterdam has been doing more with her students about dealing with trauma and wellness. She will also be participating in the Read for the Ronald Mcdonald House fundraiser to get an author to come to the school for free and benefits the Ronald Mcdonald House with fundraising.

Committees:

ICAD (Interlibrary Coordination and Development) - met October 6th

Mini grants available for each library - Theme: "Renew and Refresh Your Collection"

Carla Bengle-Mackey	Lauren Goldman	Bobbie Lindsay
Christine Suhr	Karen Pelletier	Kristi Beedon
Sarah Cordts		

Long Range Planning - meets January 26, 2024

Carla Bengle-Mackey	Dan Towne
Christine Suhr	Eric Trahan
Terri Brown	Bobbie Lindsay
Kristi Beedon	room for another person

Special Events Committee - meets after council meetings

Laura Campagna	Christine Suhr	Lauren Goldman
Carla Bengle-Mackey	Terri Brown	Sarah Cordts

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**Discussion: Advocacy
2024 Legislative Session asks**

Increased library aid:

- Asking for \$147.1 M to support all libraries
- Asking for library materials aid to increase to \$11.00/student
 - the current rate of \$6.25 has not increased since 2007
 - Seeking to increase the rate to reflect general inflation and rising costs of materials in school libraries.

Policy initiatives:

- Anti-book ban/pro-intellectual freedom legislation
- Ensuring a future for what is now NOVELny

Media Literacy Bills in New York State

- Status: did not pass - now looking for new sponsors and working with DRNY (Democracy Ready NY)
 - LMS Professional Development
 - LMS Requirement
 - Media Literacy Advisory Group
 - Media Literacy Standards

School Library Facility Modernization (21st Century School Libraries)

- Status: introduced and remains in committee

New Advocacy Phrase for Libraries: Fund-Protect-Empower

Funding is needed to maintain existing services and resources

Protect the intellectual freedom in New York libraries to serve all

Students in schools depend on the databases that have been provided by NOVELny since 2001. A sustainable solution is needed to preserve digital equity for all students.

Upcoming Dates:

Teen Tober - October

Focus on Digital literacy, reading, writing, tech

Media Literacy Week - October 23-27, 2023

NAMLE (National Association for Media Literacy Education)
Access, Analyze, Evaluate, Create, Act

Picture Book Month - November

A tribute to the enduring importance of the picture book

Next Council Meeting - December 6, 2023

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM