

**HFM BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2024**

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

Absent:

Advocacy letter writing to state representatives and lunch before official meeting

Meeting called to order: 1:04

Welcome and Share Out: Would you rather? Everyone in attendance played a get to know me game. Toss the ball to someone, catch, select a question and they answer it.

Reports:

CDLC - They just closed their member survey and there were a lot of comments about wanting school library sessions. CDLC also had their first meeting of the High School to College Reboot where librarians from Union College, Schenectady Community College and Questar III BOCES spoke about how to better help students transition from high school to college. As members of the CDLC we are able to use Tech Talk at CDLC.org where there are webinars and workshops. In order to sign in the username is cdlc and password cdlc. There is an upcoming workshop on AI on April 9, 2024 Kristi has already signed up and we will share the notes in our SLS SMORE.

FMCC- Dan has finished the annual service report for 2023, the results show that physical circulation has doubled since 2019. During COVID circulation was almost non-existent but years after that it has steadily increased with 2023 being the highest year yet. This is also happening even with a decrease in overall students (FTE) and a huge weeding and renovation project underway. So overall less students and materials but an increase in physical circulation.

MVLS - Annual service report was done for the public library also and the results are the same as at FMCC. Circulation, programs and events are all going up. The use of ebooks is even going up faster than physical circulation. Overdrive is a huge success. Encourage students to get a virtual library card through your public library so they can enjoy Overdrive.

Advocacy Day - Krist attended and found legislators very supportive of library needs and willing to listen. The use of the cut up ¼ library books was a great visual to explain how the library materials aid needs to increase from \$6.25.

Committees:

ICAD- Next meeting today at 3:00 discussing mini-grant results and orders. Six libraries did not participate, which was their choice.

Long Range Planning- Next year's meeting will be on January 24,2025.

Special Events Committee - Today after ICAD meeting

Discussion:

Awards Celebration: Thursday May 2, 2024 at 12:30 at the Allen House at FMCC. The X-Kitchen will be catering again.

Upcoming Dates:

April 16 -Communication Coordinators Training

May 2 - SLS Celebration Banquet

May 16-18 - NYSA SSL Conference, Lake Placid

May 22 - Council Meeting

June 4 - Amanda Jones, communication Coordinator Training, Regional Workshop, Held at NYSUT building (CDLC)

Other Business:**Summer reading program 2024:**

Adventure begins at your Library

Sharon Phillips in charge of the summer public library is looking for school librarians interested in getting together a presentation on how to get students interested in the summer reading program. The presentation will be presented to the public libraries in order to work together and get students interested in the summer reading program from a school librarian point of view. Ideas and presentation will be done by Terri Brown, Sarah Cordts and Lauren Goldman.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15