

**HFM BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 22, 2024**

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

**Absent:** Dan Towne, Eric Trahan

Advocacy letter writing to state representatives and lunch before official meeting

**Meeting called to order:** 1:04

**Welcome and Share Out:** If you were given \$1,000,000 to spend in a week what would you buy? Everyone in attendance was asked this question and shared their answers.

**Discussion on New HFM BOCES School Library System New Logos** - 4 choices were shown and suggestions for changes made

**Reports:**

**FMCC:** No Update (DAN ABSENT)

**CDLC:**

- June 5, 2024 1:00 PM - a panel of librarians will be talking about how they use AI in their libraries online discussion. Looking at having an online seminar next summer on the topic The Science of Reading
- "Sold a Story is a podcast that investigates the ongoing Reading Wars between phonics, whole language, balanced literacy, and "The Science of Reading." Throughout the series, listeners hear from teachers who felt betrayed by what school leaders, education celebrities, and publishers told them was the right way to teach". Thoughts were shared and a discussion ensued.
- The articles in the paper about the Schenectady County Public Library about them removing itself from MVLS and SALS is not accurate and is very complicated - more to come.

**MVLS:** ( ERIC ABSENT) see above about an update on Schenectady County Public Library

**School Library Updates:** Christine (Wells) is looking forward to retirement in a couple of weeks. In the meantime the replacement for both her and Terri (Northville) has visited Wells School a couple times.

## **Meeting Dates for 2024-2025:**

### **ICAD Committee**

- October 4, 2024 (breakfast)
- April 3, 2025(after CC)

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

- January 24, 2025 (Lunch)

### **Social Committee**

- October 10, 2024 (after Council)
- March 6, 2025 (after Council)
- May 7, 2025 (after Council)

## **Council Members New Term Appointments:**

Rachel Jeffers (3 year terms, ends 2027)

Crystal Keck (3 year term, ends 2027)

Lauren Goldman (3 year term, ends 2027)

Possible 10th position to be filled in the fall (1 year left in term, ends 2025)

Admin position, non-voting: rotating so none have to attend each meeting

- Carla nominated Chris Wojeski - Asst. Supt. from Gloversville
- Crystal nominated Dr. Matt Lewis - principal at Johnstown Warren St
- Sarah nominated Teresa LaFountain - Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Grants
- Lauren nominated Chris DePaolo - principal at Canojaharie Middle School

Kristi will reach out to those mentioned over the summer to see if they would be interested in coming to one meeting a year on a rotating schedule.

Voted on and passed unanimously

## **Council Meeting Dates 24-25**

- Thursday October 10, 2024
- Wednesday December 11, 2024
- Thursday March 6, 2025
- Wednesday May 7, 2025

Celebration potential dates: May 21 or 22 in 2025 (Wednesday or Thursday)

Council meeting dates voted on passed unanimously

## **Other Business:**

### **NYSLA SSL 2025:**

The NYSLA SSL 2025 conference for 2025 is titled "Sharing your Story" and will be held from May1-May 3, 2025, in Rochester, NY at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa. Keynotes are Jason Reynolds, Meg Medina, Knickerbacker Winner -Ann M. Martin, Mychel Threats (@mychal3t)

Kristi will be offering mini grants to attend.

## **Summer Reading:**

### **SORA Sweet Reads**

- Always available eBooks and audiobooks
- 170 books elementary
- 23 books middle school
- 17 books high school
- May 13 - August 26
- Unlimited, simultaneous
- Always available

### **Summer PD Options (Online - attend from anywhere)**

Ethics in a Digital World: Guiding Students Through Society's Biggest Questions  
By Kristen Mattson

- Online discussion groups
- Asynchronous work
- 9 CTLE Hours
- Copies of book provided

Collection Development for School Librarians By Mona Kerby

- Online discussion group to start and finish book study
- Asynchronous work for work sessions
- 6 CTLE Hours
- Copies of book provided

Motion for meeting to end

Adjourned 2:35 PM