

**School Library System Council
December 7, 2016 Minutes
Wilson Commencement**

Present: Sally Bub, Sr. Anna Derouchie, Charlie Kelly, Kim Lee, Deborah Lyon, Kathy Miller, Sarah Myers, Molly Ortiz-Brazak, Sarah Ryan, Colleen Sadowski, Edith Silver, Lisa Tilley, Dr. Reeves

1. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

2. **Approval of minutes**

3. **Reports:**

a) **SLS Director:**

- New Director of Teaching and Learning is Dr. Kendra March; Department; Directors have to start doing a newsletter again;
- December Book Give Away -- There are second and third grade book giveaways from Nila Webster; also, free books from RPL--librarians and classroom teachers should submit an e-mail for free books to **Shelley Matthews**, Rochester Public Library; shelley.matthews@libraryweb.org
- True North Update -- Goes live December 19th; we have to submit forms and sign-in sheets for whatever PD we have offered since June 30, 2016; any PD offered between January and June has to be submitted by December 9, 2016; we need to brainstorm a list of PD providers for Colleen to submit for approval--this can include retirees;
- Tech Camp will be offered again and it will be at the Gates-Chili High School; more details to follow
- Sarah Myers is attending the FETC Conference in January
- RPL did a fantastic job with the author visits in November; Tonia (RPL) is working on another author visit--London Ladd from Syracuse.

b) **RRLC:**

- There were over 100 participants at the Legislative Breakfast; RRLC and School Library Leaders will be meeting with legislators through March to advocate for libraries
- March 1st is Advocacy Day--The theme is "Libraries are education"; libraries received 4-5% increase in funds last year, but it still isn't back to where it has been
- Nonadvocacy--CE programming; Let RRLC, Kathy Miller, know what we would like to see in CE; they are always looking for speakers and there is money to pay them
- Grant opportunities:
 - Marketing mini-grants; Breakthrough grant--no in-kind needed; just a one-pager; the deadline is the end of January
 - Technology grant--goes through Colleen and the deadline is the end of June
 - Harold Packer grant went to Melissa Frost for a makerspace

c) **RPL:**

- Central Library is changing hours--Monday and Wednesday open until 8:30 p.m.
- A new children's library card will be coming out--good from birth to age 8
- Consumer Credit Counseling--a person is working with teens on finances; a survey will be available soon and will be made public which we can link to on our library web pages
- Board is reviewing fines and fees forgiveness program

d) Committees

ILL: ILL manual needs to be updated; we really need a one-sheet "how-to" cheat sheet; textbook ILL's are going unfulfilled

CCD: Very little money is available; Colleen will check on the money situation; we can have either one big grant or two smaller grants

Technology: Many people are interested, but hard to get a time where they can all meet; time needs to be set up in advance

Cataloging: First meeting will be held on Monday, December 12th.

Storytelling: Committee has received \$50.00 from Wegman's; Vista was trying to find coaches for students--couldn't this year, but maybe next year; Storytelling Festival is March 8th at St. John Fisher College; planning is going well

Advocacy: Colleen is chairperson of the "RAC"--Regional Advisory Council; Council wants any specific ideas on what we have done (working together) to save money; the Rochester Region is the only region that has provided Colleen with information; Regent Tillis wants specific dollar amounts to get a better idea of cost savings; Charley Kelly is trying to set up an Advocacy Committee Meeting

Continuing Education: Charlie gave a handout of this committee's minutes from their December 4th meeting; she will be sending out a survey to help plan an agenda for a Best Practices For Librarians workshop; workshops will be offered for early, schools, late schools, and secondary; Melissa is doing an E-Book 101 for librarians in January; Jeanne will contact Larisa Useda about grant equipment training workshop; librarians should submit the PD form to request credit for PD workshop before the course begins

Special Clients: Lisa Tilley reported that the committee will be meeting shortly; the following groups have been identified as special clients--homeless, ESOL, High-Low Interest, LGBTQ, Gifted; possible products may be booklists, brochures, lib guide, and/or Special Clients page on SLS website; it was suggested that maybe we could work with CCD grant committee for possible purchases

Literacy Initiatives: Author visit update reported by Colleen in her report; the committee met to brainstorm ideas, but nothing to report as far as any decisions as to how to proceed

President's Report: Reviewed and changed Rochester School Library System By-Laws which Molly will post for all librarians.

Good of the Order: None.

Motion to adjourn: Sarah Ryan,, seconded by Charlie Kelly. Adjourned at @6:00 PM

Future Meetings: February 28 (World of Inquiry), April 26 (DFTLC), June 26 (TBD).

Action Steps:

Plan of Service will be reviewed at next meeting
Respectfully submitted, Debbie Lyon