School Library System Council
Minutes
June 28, 2016

Present: Karyn Bartnick, Sally Bub, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Sr. Anna Derouchie, Sarah Lydon, Deborah Lyon, Lauren McCormick, Kathy Miller, Sarah Myers, Molly Ortiz-Brazak, Susan Reuter, Faith Rogers-Aubel, Sarah Ryan, Colleen Sadowski, Edith Silver, Julianne Wise

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 12PM.

Minutes from April 12, 2016: none.

Reports:

Council Chair Report: Cathy Buyer, Julianne Wise, and Sally Bub’s council terms have expired. Election results: Lisa Tilley, secondary; Sarah Ryan and Charlie Kelly, elementary. Motion to accept made by Colleen Sadowski, seconded by Sarah Myers.

SLS Director: Plan of Service was approved by NYS after a few minor corrections.

Staffing: Approval was received to place teachers on assignment in libraries because of the lack of certified applicants; there are 6.5 openings. Software purchases freed up money to have Sally support Colleen part-time.

Mission/Vision of the SLS: This is required by the state so we need to work on one.

RRLC: Tech Camp is being hosted at Freddie Thomas on August 16th and 17th. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the listserv to keep informed about continuing education programs. All system directors are scheduled to meet on June 30th to discuss advocacy with state legislators; the message they are conveying is “libraries are education.”

RPL: Sully branch won public library of the year. Summer reading information was distributed. A county-wide scavenger hunt will take place in which patrons can enter to win zoo passes. There will be no hold fees in the city libraries during the summer for youth books. Through 6/30/17 there will be no daily fines on YA and J materials in the city; some suburban branches are considering following suit. We are asked to encourage students/anyone with fines to talk to their branch because they are always willing to work with patrons.

ILL: no report

CCD: no report

Technology: no report

Cataloging: no report

Storytelling: Sarah M. asked if the date was finalized; tentative date is 3/8. Faith asked if materials could be sent in Sept; Sarah M. responded materials should be the same.
Advocacy: Colleen reported that she and Julianne attended the Regents meeting with a group of students. They loved hearing from the kids and of the impact we have on these students. A video interview was filmed and will be highlighted on the NYSED website.

Continuing Education: Sally presented programs for approval, including RRLC programs. We may do a google poll for any pd requests that come up over the summer.

- Google Camp for Administrators, Tonawanda, 7 ½ hours
- Collegial circle to update grief and loss collection, 10 hours
- Back to the Book, Cornell, 15 hours
- Library Forum, 6 hours
- Searching the Net, Aug. 2nd.
- NOVEL, Aug. 9th
- Tech Camp, Aug. 16th and 17th, 6 hours/day
- Book Repair, Aug. 18th, 3 hours

Special Clients: Julianne is putting together a list of multicultural e-books for RIA; cultures she serves are mainly Asian and African.

ROC Read/Summer Reading: ROC Read was pretty much completely funded by the ELA department. Lists and selected books came from an ELA council; anyone may join this council if they wish. Over 127,000 books were distributed to students for summer reading. There are no plans as of now for school breaks next year; we are waiting for the new superintendent. It was suggested to give Seabreeze tickets as the next prizes; they can be returned if not used. ROC Read committee has disbanded.

Good of the Order: none.

Future meeting: Aug. 31st at Wilson Commencement, 9AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:39.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Ortiz-Brazak