

School Library System Council

Minutes

October 25, 2017

Attendance:

Present: Karyn Bartnik, Samantha Bradley, Sr. Anna Derouchie, Charlie Kelly, Molly Ortiz Brazak, Nicole Rosen, Sarah Ryan, Lisa Tilley

Absent: Melissa Carnevale, Sarah Lydon, Deb Lyon, Colleen Sadowski, Amerique Wilson

1. Welcome:

2. **Approval of minutes from August 30, 2017 meeting:** Sr. Anna moves to approve minutes, Sarah R seconds. Minutes are approved as written.

3. Reports:

- a) **SLS Director:** No report
- b) **RRLC:** Laura Osterhaut is the new rep. We neglected to invite her in the email invite.
- c) **RPL:** We neglected to send her the invite.
- d) **Committees:** Sarah R will send out google form asking for librarians to sign up for committees.

➤ **ILL:** No report.

➤ **Technology:** Karyn and Melissa are going to redesign SLS website- updates, fix links, new pictures.

➤ **Cataloging:** No report.

➤ **Storytelling:** Handbooks/permission slips will be emailed out this week (no paper copies this year). Food- asking Wegmans to donate money to pay for food (which will be subs, cookies, fruit). Poster- John Sadowski is making a new poster and logo. Tshirts- going to try and get tshirts for committee, volunteers, kids.

- **Advocacy**: Need to send things to Sally for the newsletter so we can show what we are doing and advocate for ourselves.
- **Continuing Education**: All PDs have to help a student graduate. They wouldn't approve NYLA. A lot of PD across the district is being rejected. We are trying to work on the Destiny PDs, collegial circle will be starting. Still waiting on Cool Tools, but Cool Tools didn't start until November last year.

Colleen said to hold off on submitting anymore PD because of the above. There will be a new form.

Melissa F would like us to do collection development PDs- newer librarians aren't receiving collection development in their MLS program. Concerns about libraries missing the classics. Who would host these PDs? If kids and teachers aren't asking for these books, should we spend our budgets on them? We should get together in groups of elementary and secondary to share what books we think we need. Best practices. Books that fly off the shelves.

- **Special Clients/CCD**: Book list has been ordered, has been sent to Colleen. Books will be ordered pending questions of how to go about ordering. Grief books will possibly be purchased with this year's money.
- **Literacy Initiatives**: Kids doing book trailer videos to put on the website. Maybe a hashtag. #whyiread Read posters made via green screen. Print them at print shop? Who will pay? Look into software.

New Business

Email restrictions are not working. Information is not being passed in a timely manner. We do not have librarian colleagues in our buildings. Our collaboration is done via email with Colleen's assistance. Principals can't help with library related concerns, such as cataloging issues, interlibrary loan concerns, budget concerns. Colleen is our direct supervisor, whereas other special subject teachers have their direct supervisor in their building. It is like telling a principal they can't email their staff.

The teaching and learning link actually ends up taking more time than if Colleen could just email us directly as a group. You have to search through the e-mail to see if it applies. It is also not

very timely. Need her to be able to send information out as needed and not be dependent on other people. Not everyone is reading the T&L newsletter. It is easy to miss things because it was so long. Some people aren't even receiving it, are confused about it. Private schools do not receive the T&L newsletter and are not receiving information. We are receiving emails from people who aren't our director and it seems like we are taking directives from someone who isn't our director.

School reviews are a problem- Colleen is unavailable for long stretches and librarians need assistance and can't receive any. She had to miss the council meeting, even though it was scheduled prior to the school review.

We need superintendent's days as a department. We are a small department and are often the only librarian in a building. We need the time to meet as a group, share information, and learn from each other and Colleen.

We need Colleen to be available to help us align our PDs to the new district requirements. Lack of PD being approved is a good reason for us to have our own superintendent's day meeting- we can go over Destiny information and other PD.

Good of the Order:

Sarah R will send out committee sign up link.

Change the next meeting to East - to share locations.

Charlie motions to adjourn, Karyn seconds, adjourned @ 5:59.

Future Meetings:

Dec 13, 4-6pm @ East

Feb 15, 4-6pm @ DFTLC

May 30, 4-6pm @ DFTLC

June 27, 9-11am location TBD

Action Steps:

- Updating the operations manual. Is it council's job? New committee? New collegial circle?