

**Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES  
School Library System  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2007 12:30 - 2:30pm**

**Attendance**

Wally Babcock – Vice Chair- Post-Secondary Rep - excused  
Colleen Betrus- Public School Rep  
Barbara Ciambor - RRLC Rep  
Mike Ford – School District Administrators  
Jeanette Heath - Public School Rep  
Jacquie Henry, Council Chair - Public School Rep  
Jenny Horn - Public School Rep - excused  
John Howard – Non-Public School Rep - absent  
Linda Jug- Public School Rep  
Teresa Keyes- Public School Rep- excused  
Anne L'Hommedieu – Public School Rep - excused  
Judy Marsh – School Library System  
Gayle Murphy- Public School Rep  
Ellen Reynolds – Public Library System Rep - excused  
Holly Wolf- Public School Rep  
Vacant - Regional Instruction Council Rep  
Vacant – Technology Coordinators' Rep  
Ryan Ayers - Guest

**Welcome**

Jacquie Henry, Council Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. She welcomed and introduced a guest, Ryan Ayers to everyone. Ryan is a LMS student from the University of Buffalo.

**Approval of Minutes of 10/15/2006 Meeting**

Minutes of the 11/15/2006 Council Meeting were reviewed. Barbara Ciambor made one correction regarding her administrative report (WorldCat FirstSearch should be WorldCat.org. Can now be downloaded on to your web page). Holly Wolf motioned to accept the minutes with the correction and Colleen Betrus seconded the motion.

**Old Business**

**Administrator of the Year**

The deadline for nominations is 3/23/2007. Colleen Betrus, Holly Wolf, Joan Rubin, Michele Linse and Chris Porschet have volunteered to be on the committee to review the nominations this year. Due to time restraints, Judy will submit the committees' selection via e-mail to the Council for approval.

**CCD Grant**

Judy passed out a revised rubric, which she did, based on the comments from the last Council meeting. Everyone reviewed the document. Gayle Murphy motioned to accept the changes and Linda Jug seconded the motion, all agreed. The CCD Grant application forms will be sent out by next week and are due back by the end of April. The winners will be notified the beginning of May.

### **Storytelling Festival**

The Storytelling Festival will be on March 28, 2007 at Midlakes High School. There are six districts participating this year.

### **Library Leadership Academy:**

The council reviewed this year's Library Leadership Academy evaluations. The Professional Development committee will look over the ideas and suggestions for next year's conference.

### **LSTA Grant Application**

The LSTA Grant is for \$5,000. Jenny Levine, The Shifted Librarian, has agreed to do a workshop as well as Kathy Baxter. Purchasing books for the participants was suggested and Judy will look into the cost to see if it is possible.

### **Regional Union Catalog Update**

TLC has been contracted to work on School Cat. It is being decided what the interface will look like, for example- colors, buttons, drop down boxes etc. It will be up this summer. The Rochester Area SLS directors are meeting about it again March 26<sup>th</sup>. Eventually we will be getting rid of our own Union Catalog.

### **Council Vacancies**

The terms of 5 Council members will be up in June. Wally Babcock, Post-Secondary Institutions, Mike Ford, School Administrators, Jacquie Henry, Jeanette Heath, and Linda Jug, Public Schools are the members whose terms are up. Also there are 2 vacancies that have not been filled this year, representatives from both the Regional Instruction Council and Technology Coordinators. Colleen Betrus will be out on maternity leave from Sept to January. Should the Council have someone fill in for her for that time period? Colleen will speak with Katie Infantino and see if Katie would be able to fill in for Colleen and attend in the first two meetings.

Gayle Murphy suggested contacting FLCC, Keuka and Hobart & William Smith Colleges for possible candidates for the Post Secondary positions. All agreed that Wally might want to be the rep for another term and that would be good.

Judy will ask Marla Iverson about a rep from RIC again or if Marla herself would agree to be on the Council. Jeanette Heath suggested that it would be a good idea to have someone from Edutech on the Council. Linda Jug suggested Dan LaFica from the TRC.

Judy will send out letters to all LMSs regarding the public school rep vacancies in mid April. Mike Ford will see if any other administrators would be interested in taking his place on the Council. If not he will do it again.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review Plan of Service**

The Council discussed the various goals in the Plan of Service and did not make any changes.

Under the Special Client Groups- Judy noted that SETRC's circulation stats have gone way up since their collection was added to the Union Catalog.

### **Nominating Committee**

Jacquie Henry and Linda Jug volunteered to be the nominating committee for the Council Chair. Wally Babcock is presently the Vice-Chair. The vote will take place at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **NYS Budget**

The Governor is proposing \$6.25 per student for library materials aid. NYLA is proposing \$15.00 and the Regents are proposing \$10. It is presently \$6.00 per student. Judy included the "Close the Gap For Libraries" handout from NYLA in everyone's folders.

### **SLS Budget**

The School Library System budget has not been increased since 1989. This year they gave us a "one time" additional \$20,000. The governor may give SLS the same "one time" \$20,000. for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Judy will send out the 2007-2008 proposed SLS budget as soon as she receives the budget from Albany. Due to time restraints, Judy asked if the Council members would approve this year's budget via e-mail. Linda Jug made a motion to accept the proposal and Jeanette Heath seconded the motion. All members agreed.

### **Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Grant**

SLS did not apply for the grant for next year. The districts that were eligible were Geneva, Newark, Sodus and Dundee.

## **Administrative/System Reports**

### **Academic: Wally Babcock** - reported via e-mail

FLCC's Spring Break is Mar. 19-23. No classes but the college is open. This is a good time for a visit to FLCC library if you're thinking of making one. Get in touch with Wally soon if interested.

FLCC has begun search process for a new President of the College. President Hayes is retiring. Frank Queener, our library director, is on the search committee.

The Gemini workshop at the Library Leadership Academy generated some good dialog and ideas. If anyone has further thoughts, ideas, or questions, feel free to contact Wally.

### **Pioneer Library System: Ellen Reynolds**

Ellen was unable to attend but sent a handout for everyone. Judy distributed the Summer Reading Program Tee shirt order forms. All orders are to be e-mailed to Eva by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will contact Ellen with WFL requests. Tee shirts will arrive around May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rochester Regional Library Council: Barbara Ciambor**

Barb also passed out an informational handout. She encouraged everyone to go to the RRCLC website for training schedules.

### **Administrative: Mike Ford**

Mike spoke about the shortages of Administrative candidates in our region. Presently, there are four openings for superintendents: North Rose-Wolcot, Palmyra -Macedon, Newark, and Bloomfield school districts. Many of the applicants are not qualified. He encouraged Council members to seek leadership rolls in their districts.

The WFL Leadership Institute trains future administrators. Classes can be taken at the U of R at SUNY rates. District Superintendents recommend candidates for the Leadership Institute. Mike encouraged librarians to let their superintendents know if they were interested. Having an administrator from a library background would be good for schools and libraries.

He discussed the state budget and encouraged advocacy now. The budget is expected to be on time this year, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lastly Mike spoke about poverty in the districts and how it impacts our students. Workshops are being planned to show teachers how to deal with the effects of poverty on student learning.

### **School Library System: Judy Marsh**

Judy spoke about the AASL 2<sup>nd</sup> draft copy of the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Learning Standards* (working title). The ALA launched a wiki to gather feedback on the learning standards. Judy encouraged everyone to submit comments.

Judy asked for input on the calendar for next year. She is creating the meeting schedule already. Jeanette Heath thought that the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting worked out well and Colleen Betrus agreed. The council also agreed that having the Council and Liaison meetings on the same day worked out well. Judy will e-mail everyone the tentative meeting schedule before the May meeting.

The NOVEL branding has changed. It will have to be changed on library websites. The new logo can be found online in the NOVEL toolkit. It is NOVEL NY. You can see it on the RRLC web site.

Barnes & Noble are having a BookFair during National Library Week. It is a statewide promotion for SLSA, which will benefit from the fundraiser. It will help pay for the Teaching Books subscription. Judy will send out the fundraiser information and the links to vouchers that can be used from April 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Any books purchased at Barnes & Noble during that time period (using the vouchers) will benefit SLSA, which will benefit all School Library Systems.

Judy is working with two other System Directors to create an Assessment Project using data concerning the impact of libraries on student achievement. More detailed information will follow.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

None, the Liaison meeting was not rescheduled.

### **Information/Concerns/Sharing**

There will be a number of librarians retiring this year. Concerns were shared about these positions being filled with non-certified staff. Gayle Murphy said that Marion CSD is paying for Nancy Petrosino (Library Assistant) at Marion HS to get her LMS degree, and that more districts should do the same.

### **Other**

Gayle Murphy asked about getting LMSs together to order Library Tattoos, like the ones MJ Barber had. Judy has the ordering information.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.