

**Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES
School Library System
Council Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2016**

Attendance:

Ryan Ayers – School Library System
Teresa Keyes – School Library System
Barbara Ciambor – Rochester Regional Library Council
Dr. Robert Ike – School Administrator
Mike Purcell – Secondary School Librarian
Karen Woodhouse – Middle School Librarian
Anne L’Hommedieu – Secondary School Librarian
Hope Decker – Pioneer Library System Rep
Stacy Merrill – K-12
Karen McNamara – Secondary
Stephanie Post – Secondary
Michelle Miller – Elementary
Catie Abonado – Elementary

Welcome:

8:34 a.m. call to order

New Council Chair Mike Purcell stressed the importance of collaboration among building staff, as well as throughout the region. Having a **growth mindset** is critical for success and moving forward. Our profession faces the challenge of fighting misconceptions about the necessity of librarians in the digital age.

Jennifer LaGarde Recap:

Kate reiterated Jennifer LaGarde’s message of blending the traditional role of the librarian with the rapidly changing technology. The librarian is now the place that intersects those realities. “What are the *skills* we are teaching?” should be the question we’re asking, and our aim should be having a variety of resources that are relevant to all of our patrons, reflecting their lives and experiences. Libraries should be ‘mirrors’. Karen stressed the importance of having information on concepts like growth mindset coming from SLS; it lends credibility to the message and makes it easier to share with administrators and staff. Dr. Ike wants to make sure we don’t lose the momentum started by Jennifer’s message. Administrators often have low expectations for librarians. We need to educate and work with administrators to stress the impact and importance of school librarians. SLS will compile information supporting these ideas to give librarians materials to share with their administrators.

Future Meeting Locations:

Kate is seeking input on the idea of holding these meetings at other locations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

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Barbara Chambor
Marrilee Witherell
Karen Woodhouse
Mike Purcell
Christine Porschet
Linda Talbit
Hope Decker
Catie Abonado
Michelle Miller
Jeanne Taylor
Janelle Deal
Anne L'Hommedieu
Karen McNamara
Dawn Pressimore
Kathy Lepkowski
Joan Leonard
Tina Wilfeard
Colleen Betrus
Laurie Winder
Julie Melton
Eric Bateman
Aaron Mumby
Nancy Petrosino
Mary Beth Poupart
Michelle Langley
Emily Hart
Ryan Ayers
Teresa Keyes

Meeting called to order at 9:34. Kate thanked Pioneer for hosting us and encouraged participation in the RRLC "What I wished I learned in library school" workshop.

Plan of Service:

To be submitted. The language of much of the state-required information is geared toward public libraries. Kate invited coordinators to submit feedback on those elements so she can include it in her report to the state.

End of Year Survey:

This is a requirement included in the Plan of Service. This year, 29 librarians submitted; last year, 34 did. We need to improve the response rate.

Jennifer LaGarde:

The website Librarygirlpresos.weebly.com/pd-day.html contains material from both presentations. We need to learn the lingo of Gen Z.

Icebreaker Nuggets:

- Mary Beth Poupart warned against limiting our collection based on reading levels. Case in point: The book fair she hosted had upper-level materials that drew young students' attention.
- Students often equate reading with assessment. Reading can and should include pleasure reading regardless of outcome.
- Use community resources (businesses, volunteers, organizations) to enhance our offerings.
- Julie Melton stresses free choice to help students develop decision making.
- Karen Woodhouse differentiates maker-space offerings to reach all populations. She used easy 24-piece puzzles to support her special ed population.
- Karen McNamara made a personal maker-space box for a particularly needy student.

SLS Provided Resources 2016-17:

*Online databases:

- PebbleGO Science & Social Studies (elementary); Research in Context (middle school), Student Resources in Context (7-12), Teachingbooks.net, BrainPOP ESL (not combo; does not include BrainPOP Espanol)

*Smore accounts are available to everyone

*NYLA/SSL memberships

*E-Book collections: Rosen Spotlight series (social studies and science); Oasis; Gale

Automation:

*Mandrin users should use Chrome for Oasis, not IE. There will be upcoming workshops.

*Follett: Ryan suggests a good weeding to clean up the catalogue before making the transition. Newer records transition better into Follett and don't integrate well. Marrilee suggested that SLS make a recommend to administrators to provide summer hours to help librarians prepare for this new system. Partnering with your tech coordinator will help make the transition smoother. Kate communicates these issues at regional meetings and will provide information librarians can share with admin and tech directors. To estimate the time you'll need, Karen McNamara suggests determining the time it takes to process one record, and then multiply it by the number of items in your collection.

Media Library:

Welcome new districts Wayne, Waterloo, Bloomfield & Romulus. OverDrive consent forms are being distributed. Some licensing restrictions occur with downloading videos, particularly Bill Nye.

Council Reports:**Hobart – Emily Hart**

The Center for Teaching & Learning and the Center for Leadership are on-campus organizations to encourage problem solving and entrepreneurship. The library is working with the Idea Lab to help

participants develop their proposals. The library will support “Hackathon” competitions. SUNY is piloting an open textbook project.

RRLC – Barb Chambor

Class materials from all workshops are available on the website. RRLC is open to suggestions for continuing education topics. Most programs are free.

Pioneer – Hope Decker

www.oww.org site. You can borrow a kit for children & families, special populations; and book club discussion kits.

www.pls-net.org/pls-resources/mobilemakerkits Many kits available featuring STEM topics; go-pro cameras; jewelry-making; button-making, etc.

Question: Can school libraries get library cards? Technically, no, but some already have them. It would be a question to discuss with the local public library.

RASL – Joan Leonard

Please consider joining RASL; it’s affordable. Petting Zoo October 19 at two locations, BOCES 2 or GV BOCES.

NYLA/SSL – Michelle Miller

Looking into ESSA funding to support school libraries. State conference in November. National ALA came to Rochester’s Gaming Institute. SSL conference will be in Buffalo in the spring. Administrators can attend for free on that Friday. Michelle is on advisory panel on professional recruitment to encourage people to go into the school library field.

Group Norming Activity

Kate will send out url: <https://goo.gl/98gSTw> to gather thoughts on such matters as cell phone use during meetings, attendance, engagement, follow through, and commitment.

Next meeting date: December 13, 2016