

W-FL BOCES SLS Council Meeting
March 7, 2017, at RRLC Packetts Landing, Fairport

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SLS Director Update:

We need to replace Emily Hart for our Academic Librarian position. Suggestions include Wally Babcock or another from FLCC or someone from the Chiropractic College, who could bring a fresh new perspective to the group. Karen will reach out to the Chiropractic College.

We also need to replace Pat Finnerty from Pioneer. Suggestions include Hope Decker from Pioneer, who has a wealth of experience in school libraries.

Our May 23 meeting was going to be held at HWS, but with the loss of Emily, we are planning to hold the meeting at the Geneva Public Library. Geneva has several interesting restaurants and walking places, making it a nice locale for our final meeting. Kate has reached out to the children's librarian there.

Kate wanted to explain the process for purchases through SLS for 2017-2018. District budget timelines are not the same as the School Library System budget from the state. Our SLS budget is determined from WFL Board, so we have to wait for our board to make decisions. The BOCES budgeting department sends information directly to your business offices. Once we know our budget, we can determine database costs. The state's SCORE committee negotiates prices with vendors. Usually, beginning in mid-February, Coser costs come out from BOCES; in late February, we send it out. We understand that some librarians feel pressure from their business offices to submit budgets before the numbers are released.

Mike Purcell shared that he is focusing on promoting databases with his staff and students. He is interested in bringing an academic librarian in to encourage those research strategies. Kate extended the invitation for council members to take on more of an advisory role to shape the council and our meetings. Stephanie suggested using a Google Doc to share ideas. One way we can expand our impact in the community is to have meetings at public libraries. We don't want to interrupt learning by holding meetings at school library spaces. Catie works with the Newark Public librarian and appreciates the different venue; it would be nice to have our librarians reach out to their public library counterparts to establish those relationships.

SLS Communications Coordinator Meeting

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8:31 a.m.

Thanks Barb, for hosting the meeting today. Introductions.

Live webinar at 10:30 with Calum from Career Cruising. Students have single accounts and explore careers, skills, training and college options. The elementary focus has been enhanced, making it a vertically aligned resource. It could be an excellent collaborative tool with counselors.

Kate's doctoral studies include advanced qualitative and quantitative methods. Today's activity is based on Photo Voice and is designed to provide helpful data for all SLS librarians. "How do we define libraries today?" Participatory approach: each person will be assigned an iPad and will independently explore the space of the Fairport Public Library. What do you see there that defines 'library'? Your 'voice' is captured by the camera lens, rather than verbally. An expansion of this could be to replicate this with your students or faculty.

Business:

Databases from SLS:

- National Geographic for Kids
- Student Resources in Context

- Teachingbooks.net
- BrainPOP ESL
- We will be purchasing two Rosen science modules

Novel databases:

- Research in Context
- Business Insights
- Academic OneFile
- General OneFile
- Kids InfoBits
- Encyclopedia Britannica, School, Academic, Escolar
- Health Reference Resource Center
- Opposing Viewpoints
- InfoTrac Newsstand

Follett Destiny Update: Marion, Penn Yan, Lyons, Naples are joining. The window hasn't closed, if other districts are still interested.

Pilot School feedback: Not easy, but valuable. SLS truly appreciates the librarians who have been involved in the pilot. We understand that it can get complicated and we are indebted to them for their time and patience. The standardization of the records will make cataloging so much easier. The Title (formerly known as Bib record) will be shared throughout the system; each school has its own Copies (formerly known as Holdings). Cleanup of records is essential before the process starts. Sue Marcano and Ryan have tips to help make that weeding and cleaning process easier. Question: would this require summer or additional hours? Answer: not really; you can clean and weed as you go. Partial inventories are possible, and make the process easier. Running a TitleWise Analysis will give you the average age of your collection, outdated titles, etc. Suggestions:

- Save a few ugly ones as evidence as to why you are weeding
- We are school libraries, not museums
- Check your district's policy manual on disposing of materials
- Remember you have digital books, as well, so that impacts the number of titles your students have access to
- Follett offers a buyback of used books. (Ryan will look into this as an option)

OverDrive Professional Development Advantage Collection:

We have set up a district-level Prof Dev collection for each OverDrive school. More information coming.

Barb Ciambor: Thanks, everyone for coming to RRLC. There's a staff of 7.

No Report from Pioneer. Pat Finnerty has left the area.

RASL: Author dinner May 18 at SJF as a fundraiser for Teen Book Fest

NYLA SSL: Dawn reported that the conference is in Buffalo May 5-6. In August, Cornell Leadership Institute coming up; information pending.

Discussion:

Our final meeting for May will be at the Geneva Public Library. Tanya Taylor, last year's librarian of the year, will be hosting us and offering insights on collaborating with public libraries.

There have been some access issues lately, but they have been sporadic and usually district-wide issues, and not vendor or portal specific. Many times, it's a problem that needs to be addressed with your own tech directors. Ryan suggests you always shut down all your computers at night so you're receiving updates from your tech director. Right now, we just purchase the portal from Harry Kahn. The portal services are housed at OPALS, not EDUTECH. That may change as we shift more into Destiny. We will also continue to look at ILL procedures as we move forward