

**Oneida/Herkimer BOCES
School Library System Council Meeting
Information and Technology Division
502 Court St., Utica
MINUTES**

Chris Abdo, Frankfort-Schuyler
Karen Cronkhite, Waterville
Patricia Dawes, Clinton
Dr. Angela Elefante, Utica
Darlene Ford, Mid York

Tom Giammaria, Mohawk
Vicki Greenman, Richfield
Springs
Krista Hartman, MVCC
Nancy Howe, CLRC

Mary Mullin, HCCC
Mary Sundberg, Poland
Frank Sutliff, West Canada
Carrie Storm, New Hartford
Cosimo Tangorra, Ilion

Wednesday May 20, 2009

Absent: Chris Abdo, Patricia Dawes, Darlene Ford, Tom Giammaria, Mary Mullin, Carrie Storm.

Also present: Beverly Choltco-Devlin, representing Mid York

- I. Call to order:** by Chairperson Frank Sutliff
- II. Introduction of new Council Member:** Dr. Angela Elefante was welcomed to the Council.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes without corrections or amendments.
- IV. Software Committee Recommendation:** Pat Skelly presented a Power Point presentation of the recommendations of the catalog software committee. The committee has recommended that the School Library System adopt the OPALS catalog program. This decision was reached after examining several products and comparing features and costs. The committee has determined that OPALS provides the best features at the most reasonable cost. Pat further explained that the School Library System has enough money in the budget to adopt the product this year, and the transition will be made at no additional cost to member districts. Further, the School Library System will be purchasing cameras for all of the libraries, which will facilitate web training on the new catalog software. Frank Sutliff moved that OPALS be approved by the Council; Mary Sundberg seconded the motion.
- V. Budget Update:**
 - A. State Budget:** Pat distributed a handout (enclosed) detailing what the state grants will likely be, depending on the extent of the proposed cut in funding. State officials have advised the School Library System that the cut to funding will be either 7.3% or 8%; figures for both eventualities were shared. Funding should be adequate for the upcoming school year, even with a cut.
 - B. CoSer Budget:** Final commitments from the districts have not been received as of yet, but the expectation is that some portions of the program will grow as shared services become even more important to districts.
- VI. Coordinator's Report:**
 - A. Summer Trainings**
 - 1. Toni Buzzeo:** Toni Buzzeo will present a two day workshop specially designed for us, which will integrate the AASL standards into a library curriculum. The workshop will be provided at no charge to our librarians and to teachers on special assignment in our libraries, but will have a fee attached for librarians from outside the Oneida/Herkimer consortium.

2. **Collaboration with Mid York and CLRC:** Full day workshop, divided in two parts, with KAPCO Book Repair for half the day and a “Make and Take” workshop for the second half. Participants will switch workshops at mid-day.
3. **Collaboration with Mid York and CLRC:** Bertha Rogers will present a full day program on writing and creating books.
4. **Collaboration with MVCC:** Krista Hartman will present a workshop on internet resources and electronic jackdaws.
5. **Pat Skelly and Anne Nassar:** Pat and Anne are getting certified as SmartBoard trainers. They will use their training to work with librarians to incorporate information literacy skills with Smart Board training in the districts.

B. Meeting Dates for the 2009-2010 were shared.

- a. September 30, 2009
- b. November 24, 2009
- c. January 25, 2010
- d. March 30, 2010
- e. May 20, 2010

VII. Motion to Adjourn: Cosimo Tangorra, seconded by Krista Hartman.

Next meeting will be September 30, 2009 in the Conference Room at 502 Court St.

cc: Building Principal/Supervisor
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