

Information & Technology Liaison Committee Meeting

Oneida/Herkimer BOCES Media & SLS

Minutes January 16, 2008

Present:

Richard Axt	Lindsay Laczak	Karen Pelletier	Debbie White
Sue DeLuco	Megan McCoy	Anne Reilly	Mary Widomski
Paul Girsdansky (a.m.)	Hilda Moses	Susan Scheu	Karen Zaleski
Jody Hildreth	Nancy Noonan	Cindy Staley	Joann Zorn
		Carrie Storm	Helen Zyma

Absent:

Linda Bluey	Sue DeLuco	Sr. Catherine Giglio	Vicky Johnson
Jim Cichon	Patricia DiTata	Laurie Hedges	Nina Pietrafesa
Sharon Crowe	Ken Ford	Denise Hoffman	Teri Stile
			Karen Vincent

I. **Welcome:**

Pat Skelly and Sylvia Sallustio welcomed attendees and shared agenda.

II. **Sharing from attendees of the Enhancing Library Curriculum Units**

Workshop: Lindsay Laczak shared the PowerPoint she created at the workshop. Her PP was featured as an example of going beyond the tradition PP use of emphasis points. Other attendees shared what they found useful about the day and what they accomplished. Information was shared by Susan Scheu, Karen Zaleski, Joanne Zorn, Mary Widomski, and Hilda Moses.

III. **Guest Author:** Pat Skelly introduced author Dorothy Stacy. (Book: *Erie Canal Cousins*) Dorothy discussed how her book was published and the content of her school visits. Five scholarships for her to visit schools + one book (\$60 value) were offered by SLS.

IV. **Media Updates:**

- The New York State BOCES Media Technology Association is offering a Media Literacy Project Grant for \$1000.00. Sylvia will email the grant application. Please share this with teachers.
- The Polycom searchable database is located on the WebMAX search page. You may search for Virtual Field Trips. Many are free. You are encouraged to hold a virtual field trip at your school.
- Teen Kids News also available as a click on the WebMAX search page features NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) as one of their news stories. Please share this information with your district's music teachers. It is the current News Story this week and then it will be available in the online catalog (archived).
- Kim Casselman is our new Media Services employee. Kim is the Library Computer Specialist. She will be working on the digital media and streaming TV (Video Furnace) projects.

V. **SLS Updates** (begun before lunch and finished after)

- EILL poster sample was shared. This poster will be sent to schools to help promote this service within participating districts.

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- b. Book Mini-grant deadline is firm. Orders turned in after January 29 will be returned. The deadline is necessary due to budget deadlines for BOCES and the state.
 - c. SLMS Conference Scholarship letters were sent to principals as well as librarians. Correction needed in letter – the school will receive \$500 towards expenses not \$400 and the \$100 bus fee will be paid directly to Madison BOCES.
 - d. Volunteer needed to work on Scope & Sequence Wiki with Pat
 - e. Advocacy Subcommittee report – first meeting held over Live Meeting. Will be working on advocacy video for services and advocacy for support staff necessary in libraries. Plan is to build a bank of materials that LMSs can pull to use in their own districts.
 - f. Database Pricing coming out very soon. Mary M. is working on it now. May notice drop in some prices due to vendor changes.
 - g. CIDER update – recently saw the OPALS open source automation program and we were very impressed with how it meshes with our needs.
 - h. New temp worker will be working in the data entry department while Anne Nassar is out on child rearing leave. Katie St. Laurent will be here approximately 10 weeks.
- VI. Questia Demo Webinar** - Katherine Pike, consultant from Questia, conducted a short webinar showcasing the features of their database services. Folders from Questia were distributed. Questia pricing is included on the SLS Database pricing sheets.
- VII. World Book Demo** – John Gummoe demonstrated new features on the World Book Databases. He shared flyers on specials for schools on their standard paper encyclopedia sets. Pricing for WB has gone down but they now charge for K-12 use not 3-12. Pricing information is on the SLS database list.
- VIII. Bronx Zoo Demo** – Kim Casselman arranged a free distance learning session with the Bronx Zoo. Erica shared information on the Bronx Zoo's Virtual Field trips for schools. She showed us a Pygmy Hedgehog. Students would see 3 live animals in a session. Bookings are filled for this school year but they are taking bookings for the fall. Each session is \$150. Make your arrangements through BOCES to get aid for the costs.
- IX. Other:**
- a. A free book and magnetic clip were given to each liaison member present from Capstone books. A Capstone bookbag and Questia tee shirt were raffled as doorprizes.