

Minutes – O/H SLS Council Meeting, March 8, 2019

Fred Berowski, HCCC Leeann Dooley, Little Falls Wendy Egresits, Whitesboro Vicky Greenman, Richfield Springs	Jocelyn Ireland, MVCC Steve Inzer, Central Valley Margaret McNamara, Holland Patent Zane Mahar, Sauquoit Valley	Carol Rahme, Utica Cindy Staley, Dolgeville Mary Sundberg, Poland Heather Urtz, MidYork Marc Wildman, CLRC
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Absent: Leeann Dooley, Margaret McNamara, Cindy Staley, Karen Zaleski

Also Present: Matthew Bashant, Janice Murray

- I. Call to order - Meeting called to order by Heather Urtz at 1:35 pm.

- II. Approval of Minutes –December 7, 2018. Minutes were reviewed. Steve Inzer had one amendment to the Minutes: Central Valley Academy does not use Yonder, although they have considered the product. Motion to approve with amendment noted by Marc Wildman, seconded by Mary Sundberg.

- III. Spring 2019 projects – The School Library System will provide scholarships to any area library media specialist who would like to attend the NYLA SSL Conference in Syracuse. Scholarship money will cover the cost of the registration, but not transportation or lodging. The final meeting of the SLS Advisory Council and the Communication Coordinators Committee will be a full day presentation that will include an Administrator of the Year award. The keynote speaker for the day will be a representative from Project Look Sharp.

- IV. Mary continues to process CCD units. Almost all of the participating districts have submitted their orders.

- V. The VRL Committee is reviewing titles for inclusion in the library, and determining what gaps exist in the current collection.

- VI. Professional Development:
 - a. Allison Livermore taught a class on the Virtual Reality kit, and how it can be used in the classroom. The equipment is very popular, and the purchase of another set of equipment is under consideration. Anyone who has attended a class may reserve the kit, and those who did not get a chance to borrow it this year will have priority next school year.

 - b. On March 6 the EPIC Conference was held. This event focused on personalized learning.

 - c. On March 15, Superintendents’ Conference Day, Julie Smith will do a presentation.

 - d. K-6 Library PLC: Janice Murray has just completed a K-6 Library PLC, with librarians from our consortium creating lessons on library skills. The total goal for this project is twenty lessons, of which ten have been completed. These will be added to Buzz, and piloted in the fall. The first ten lessons will provide about half a year’s worth of instruction.

- VII. In the area of Cooperative Efforts with other library groups, the Oneida/Herkimer SLS is working with Madison-Oneida SLS to present Kathleen Odean on April 10. She will be speaking to a joint group at MVCC, on the Rome Campus.
- VIII. Janice Murray attended Library Advocacy Day in Albany, and found the experience to be very positive. Heather Urtz commented on the day as well, and noted that many of our local public libraries rely on state funding more heavily than libraries in wealthier communities, which makes representation by our local communities and institutions more important than ever.
- IX. The Oneida-Herkimer SLS received a grant from CLRC for a project titled Engineering in a Novel Way. The object is to solve a problem presented within a story. Three plans, at each grade level, will be created, and kits will be developed. The kits will be shared with local libraries, which will alleviate any cost to schools wishing to explore Engineering in a Novel Way.
- X. Other –
- a. Betsy Hartnett mentioned Advisory Council terms. Marc Wildman will continue to serve on the Council. Mary Sundberg is retiring after this school year, and the Council will need another representative from the Herkimer BOCES area.
 - b. Heather Urtz shared some upcoming classes and events at Mid York Library. These include a Baby Sensory Play class, in collaboration with CLRC. The summer reading program will kick off on April 3, and the theme for this year is “Space.” On April 17 there will be a webinar on using a whole book approach in story time. Mid York has six Sphero Spark Kits and eight Sphero Bolts, which are available for borrowing. They will be shared initially with the community at large, but Heather indicated that they would be happy to do a joint training with the SLS this summer, and then look towards loaning to school districts.
 - c. Marc Wildman reminded people that there is a March 31 deadline for grants, including the New Innovation Grant.
 - d. Wendy Egresits shared that Dave Dellecese, husband of Megan Dellecese, LMS at Whitesboro Senior High School, has written a children’s book, “The Little Lamp.” The book is available on Amazon and through Barnes and Noble, and is receiving good reviews
- XI. Motion to Adjourn – Mary Sundberg moved that the meeting be adjourned; Carole Rahme seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

cc: Building Principal/Supervisor
Scott Morris
Mary Beth Farr