

Minutes – O/H SLS Council Meeting, September 28, 2016

Fred Berowski, HCCC Leeann Dooley, Little Falls Wendy Egresits, Whitesboro Vicky Greenman, Richfield Springs Krista Hartman, MVCC	Steve Inzer, Central Valley Deirdre Joyce, CLRC Terry LaBeff, Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School Margaret McNamara, Holland Patent	Zane Mahar, Sauquoit Valley Janice Murray, New Hartford Carol Rahme, Utica Cindy Staley, Dolgeville Mary Sundberg, Poland Heather Urtz, MidYork
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Absent: Leeann Dooley, Krista Hartman, Cindy Staley

Also Present: Matthew Bashant, Deborah Mowers for Leeann Dooley, Jacob Abbuhl

- I. **Call to Order** - meeting called to order by Margaret McNamara at 1:31 p.m.
- II. **Introductions** – Betsy Hartnett made note of new Council members, and all members of the Council introduced themselves.
- III. **Approval of May 26, 2016 Minutes** – Heather Urtz made motion to approve, Mary Sundberg seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- IV. **Annual Report** – the School Library System Annual Report, required by the State Education Department, was reviewed by Council members. Fred Berowski made motion to approve, Wendy Egresits seconded the motion. Vote to approve the report was unanimous.
- V. **Coordinator’s Report** – attached
- VI. **Current Initiatives** –
 - A. Media updates – Betsy explained that in the interest of improving the Media collection and using funds to the greatest advantage for all districts she is considering establishing a committee or council to guide Media purchases and the Media collection. Council members discussed various possibilities for this, and the consensus was that a committee similar to the Virtual Reference Library committee would be a good model, with meetings held two or three times a year, before or after another scheduled meeting.
 - B. Summer professional development – several classes were offered this summer, but attendance was spotty. Council members suggested that concentrating the classes at the beginning of the summer and just before the start of the new school year might be desirable for any school staff.
 - C. Leatherstocking Conference – the 2016 conference is October 27, at Vernon Downs Hotel. Betsy asked Council members for their thoughts about the Leatherstocking Conference, and whether or not it is still a viable conference for them. She also asked about the possibility of a conference that would encompass a wider range of topics, and include technology and science sections. Council members discussed these topics, and offered their thoughts. Members agreed that the Leatherstocking Conference is still a viable and welcome part of the annual professional development opportunities offered. They also indicated that another

conference day would be welcome, but that it is often very difficult for districts to get substitute staff members while employees are out of the building. There will be further exploration of these topics this year, with an eye toward next year's professional development.

VII. Other –

A. Heather Urtz announced that Mid York now has online user registration for adults in place. A soft launch of this opportunity has happened, with a bigger roll out soon. Mid York has added Hoopla, a service which provides e-books, media and music, to its list of products. Transparent Language and Zinnio continue to be offered by Mid York, and are used by a large number of patrons.

B. Margaret McNamara shared that Holland Patent is now purchasing a product called Learning Ally, an audio book service for learning disabled students. Holland Patent staff find it to be a very useful resource.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned – Wendy Egresits moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mary Sundberg seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Next meeting: November 17, 2016.

cc: Building Principal/Supervisor
Scott Morris Howard Mettelman
Mark Vivacqua Mary Beth Farr