



Minutes – June 1, 2018 Communication Coordinators Meeting

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Absent: Crystal Keck, Anne Reilly, Terri Stile, Robin Tabor, Karen Zaleski, Helen Zyma

- I. **Welcome** – Betsy welcomed everyone in attendance to the last meeting of the 2017-2018 school year.
- II. **SEARCH for Success Integration into Buzz** – SEARCH for Success, the single sign on tool that has been supported by the School Library System for several years, is now integrated into the Buzz Learning Management System. When users click on SEARCH in Buzz, they are automatically authenticated into their home school, with no additional log in needed. Matthew Bashant demonstrated the functionality of this feature. Having this integration will make using the resources available to the schools even easier to use. There was discussion on the various features of Buzz, and how it compares to Google Classroom. Buzz integrates into School Tool, and reports from Buzz are immediate, which helps teachers and administrators identify areas of need in curriculum and instruction. If schools are interested in purchasing Buzz, they should contact Matthew or Betsy for details.
- III. **Retirements** – Betsy recognized Nancy Rand, who is retiring from the Utica City School District. The C3 group gave Nancy a standing ovation; she will be missed by all of her colleagues.
- IV. **Art Oneida** – The [Art Oneida](#) group donated books on Sculpture Space to all of the Oneida BOCES school libraries. These were shared with people in attendance, and will be sent to libraries as well.
- V. **Additions to Media and SLS Resources** – There are several additions to the SLS and Media Services resources for the 2018-2019 school year. Discovery Education, an online streaming media service, has been purchased for all high schools. Swank Movie Licensing USA, which allows schools to show copyright compliant movies from major studios, has been purchased for all districts. In addition, there were 400 new eBook titles purchased from the Mason Crest Company, 343 titles from Cavendish Square Publishing, and 45 titles from Gale. The School Library System has purchased a Pad Caster set up, which can be used by all of our schools. Also purchased is a class set (30) of 3-D viewers and iPods, to allow schools to do Google Expeditions. Training for both of these will be offered this summer. A buzzer system was purchased for schools who participate in the Battle of the Books competitions.
- VI. **Discovery Education Webinar** – Discovery Education did a one hour webinar with the group.

VII. Pat Lekki – Pat shared updates from Library Automation. Some highlights and reminders are:

- An OPALS upgrade was done over Memorial Day weekend; look for changes.
- Remember to set year end calendars and next year's calendars
- Mason Crest was purchased by Rosen. Resources are being added to catalogs, but it will take time to complete.
- When doing inventory, remember to reconcile reports.
- If you do not belong to the OPALS list serve, contact Pat. You will need to register.

VIII. Swank Movie Licensing USA – The vendor conducted a webinar, and gave an overview of the product. Information on the license will be sent to librarians. Promotional materials are available. Users were reminded that there should be no public advertising of movie events, although disseminating information to client groups (for example, PTA groups, and parent and community groups) is perfectly acceptable.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m. – Lunch with the SLS Advisory Council followed the meeting.

Note: Meeting dates for 2018-2019 are September 20, 2018; November 28, 2018; January 29, 2019; March 15, 2019 (Superintendents' Conference Day); and, May 30, 2019.