



Minutes – September 22, 2016 Communication Coordinators Meeting

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Absent: Shelley Elliott, Paul Girsdansky, Janice Murray, Susan Scheu

Also Present: Amy Tallman

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Betsy Hartnett welcomed everyone, and attendees introduced themselves.
- II. **Professional Development** – Training offered by BOCES qualifies for CTLE certification. The newest education initiative coming is ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act. This replaces No Child Left Behind. ESSA grants will be rolled out in the 2017-2018 year, at the very earliest. More clarification and information on this will be forthcoming.
- III. **Digital Resources Page** – Betsy shared the new Digital Resources page, <https://api.agilixbuzz.com/Resource/12478045/DigitalResources.htm>, and did a demonstration of the resources available from the page. From this site users are able to gain access to the ebook collections, SNAP, the SEARCH for Success pages and the School Library System homepage. She clarified usernames and passwords for the products. Library Media Specialists will receive password and username information on a building by building basis for their students. Included in the ebook collections are Overdrive, Fable Learning, Tumble Book and Tumble Book Cloud, Rosen books, and a trial of the World Book ebooks.
- IV. **Betsy Hartnett** – Betsy shared some of her thoughts and vision on libraries and library programs.
 - A. The library is the great equalizer, where all are welcome
 - B. Collections should be diverse and representative of all patrons
 - C. Librarians should be social justice leaders.
 - D. The mission of a school library should be to increase student achievement by providing access to resources and guidance in using those resources.
 - E. The best evidence for greater library staffing is to be essential, and in front of students.
 - F. If we focus on what we can't do we take time away from what we can do.
 - G. Content is available everywhere – skills are essential.
- V. **Summer Work**– Library Curriculum Development work was done over the summer, with three primary strands forming the basis of the curriculum, Library Literacy, Digital Literacy, and Research. The SLS professional development plan will follow those three categories as well.

- VI. **Articles to consider** – Betsy distributed two articles on the maker movement and challenges as the DIY, Hands on movement moves into schools. People were given time to read the articles and then share their thoughts on the subject. Schools are implementing MakerSpace programs differently, ranging from the Z13 wing at Westmoreland Middle School to Industrial Arts teachers doing MakerSpace projects with students who have study hall time at Whitesboro High School. Generally, the librarians did not think that MakerSpace necessarily belonged in libraries if it came at the expense of reading and research.
- VII. **Pat Lekki – OPALS Update** – [September 2016](#).
- VIII. **Media Committee** – Betsy is considering forming a Media Committee, to consult on the collection in the Media Department. Initial areas to consider would be weeding and purchasing protocols. The committee would meet twice a year, in all likelihood.
- IX. **Allison Livermore, OverDrive tutorial** – Allison presented an overview of the password, checkout and return procedures for OverDrive. ([OverDrive Presentation](#)). Schools purchasing CCD funds can use that money for CCD books. Also, books purchased can have the content level changed on request.
- X. **Buzz** – Matthew Bashant and Jennifer Parzych did a presentation on the Buzz Learning Management System. They presented an overview of the NY Learning Standards. During the summer, over 150 teachers worked on writing curriculum lessons for the Buzz system. Jennifer demonstrated how to log into Buzz, and everyone present was given information on how to log into the system.