



## Minutes – November 15, 2016 Communication Coordinators Meeting

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Absent: Michelle Babbie, Matthew Bashant, Katie Parker, Terri Stile

- I. **Echoes and Reflections** – The morning was spent in Holocaust education professional development. Evelyn Loeb from the Anti-Defamation League did a presentation about teaching the Holocaust to students. Teachers from component districts were in attendance as well as librarians.
- II. **Information Literacy** – Betsy Hartnett showed a Face Book post about media literacy that was disguised as a post-election false news story. This highlights the need for information literacy and emphasizes the importance of skilled information specialists.
- III. **Professional Learning Community** – a PLC for librarians will be starting very soon, with a focus on mentoring. The group will meet on Wednesdays, from 2:30-4:00 and 3:30-5:00. Participants will receive a paid stipend; a minimum of six people are needed in order to form the group. More details will be forthcoming.
- IV. **Cool Tools** – If you are interested in doing the Polly-Alida Farrington Cool Tools program, please email Betsy. The SLS will pay for the class, as long as participants are committed to attending.
- V. **Digital Literacy** – Anne Reilly, and others, will be writing a Digital Literacy course. If you are interested in participating in this or doing other curriculum, please contact Betsy.
- VI. **New York State Library Survey** – Betsy distributed handouts due Nov 16<sup>th</sup>- hand out.
- VII. **New York State Literacy websites**- handouts from the NY State Library were distributed for some of their programs including Summer Reading. A webpage on our website will be dedicated to linking to these resources.
- VIII. **Steve Inzer**– Steve demonstrated Google Draw, a tool being used at Central Valley. He walked everyone through a lesson that he recently completed with students who were creating a timeline. Steve also showed a Google app called Todoits.com, a task management tool, which pulls information from emails and turns that information into tasks. The app can be found in the Chrome Store, and it is free.
- IX. **Anne Reilly** – Coding class and Hour of Code. Anne is teaching coding in her district, using Code.org, which she finds valuable. Anne indicated that Code.org has “gamified” the learning process, and is very engaging for students. Additionally, Anne has a Tech Club in her school,

with 40 members. Committee members discussed whether or not they had done the Hour of Code in prior years, and whether they would participate this year.

- X. **Additional Online Resources** – Betsy demonstrated some online resources that might provide enrichment or entertainment for students. The included agoogleaday.com, freerice.com, geoguessr.com, quizlet.com, and Google Mystery Hangouts.