

Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Library System Council Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2022 ~ 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Present:

Theresa Ameres
Melanie Ash
Alexandria Hiam
Katie McIntyre
Luisa Reichardt
Darla Salva-Cruz
Melissa Tunstead
Patricia McCabe, Ed.D.

- 1) The meeting was called to order and members welcomed by Theresa Ameres, Council Chairperson, at 8:35 a.m.

VOTING ITEMS

- 2) The minutes of the December 8, 2021 Council Meeting were previously approved via email.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3) Liaison Meeting, 12/8/21 evaluations were positive.

Highlights from the Evaluation

- “I thought that Madelyn was a great NYLA advocate and I enjoyed learning about the SSL Leadership Conference. Her Wakelet was highly informative and a great resource to reference with my colleagues.”
- “With all of the pushback we are seeing from conservative groups I think it is more important than ever to be aware of NYLA/SSL efforts. The need for collections that reflect our diverse users is imperative. I appreciate Madelyn's service on our behalf and am so grateful that she shares it with us.”
- “This is where in person would be so beneficial and we could have some time to play around with some of the databases featured.”
- “It would be interesting to take deeper dives into the rubric -- not all at once, perhaps spaced out over time and tied to other related programming.”
- “I thought this session was informative, particularly because this document is relatively new. I look forward to examining how my district is performing with regards to the SLPR.”
- “This was an incredibly helpful breakout room session. I work closely with our AP Seminar program and it was interesting to hear Jen Spota's experience teaching the class.”

- “A lot of information about the AP Seminar/Research courses were shared and the importance of advocating for the library to play a vital role.”
- “I love to see what my colleagues are doing in their programs. It keeps me from feeling that things are stale. Currently, we haven't gotten our technology back in my library since it was all handed out to students during the lockdown. So I need more ideas and the holidays are the perfect time to find some new ideas and bring back some forgotten old favorites. I love when Kayla makes us all think and be creative. She has such a great knack for getting us involved and excited about some of the activities that we do and never even thought of sharing with colleagues. I love when we have breakouts like this.”
- “I was able to have a few new titles to consider for collection development and instruction with students.”

4) Budget Status

Ms. Ameres shared the following financial information:

a) **Library Automation Co-Ser 508**

1. 44 districts plus 2 non-public schools ~ Ross School and St. John the Baptist participate
2. Current Financial Status: Revenue \$565,162.74 (last year \$562,713.26)
3. Renewal of services will be going out in March for review

b) **Library Services/Media Co-Ser 516**

1. Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) listed on Shared Services Response Pages at \$10.34 per student in grades 3-12. 2022-2023 will have a 2% increase
2. 47 districts plus 2 non-publics, Huntington UFSD, Babylon UFSD, and Smithtown CSD in Western Suffolk participate
3. Digital Media Library (DML) will be discontinued in the 2022-2023 school year. Resources will be offered as supplementals or weeded.
4. Current Financial Status: Revenue \$2,200,862.85 (last year \$2,007,047.44)
5. Renewal of services will be going out in March for review

At this juncture, Mr. Vitevitch initiated a round of self-introductions. He then elaborated on changes to the DML. The sale of the company that had handled the DML led to its incorporation into the VRC web page as its own tab. All services will be accessible there with the exception of Discovery Education, which will be accessed through a link districts add to their own web pages. Mr. Vitevitch also explained that students will have access in addition to faculty.

Ms. Ameres continued reviewing:

c) State Aid (F Codes)

1. F960 – Operating Aid

1. Starting \$199,853.00; present balance \$42,834.71

2. F968 – Supplemental Aid

1. Starting \$57,670.00; present balance is \$2,066.91

3. F920 – Categorical Aid - Automation

1. Starting \$19,985.00; present balance \$19,985.00

d) 2022-2023 Budget

The New York State budget has an approval deadline of April 1, 2022.

5) School Library System Union Catalog (as of February 25, 2022)

780,450 Bibliographic records and 2,322,371 Item records

6) Legislative Update

Advocacy Day was held on March 2, 2022. Mr. Vitevitch and other participants met virtually with legislators. Mr. Vitevitch mentioned that in addition to other topics, he raised the issues of media literacy standards, LMS requirements, and a book fair tax exemption. He also shared on screen the NYLA 2022 Policy Initiatives web page:

https://www.nyla.org/userfiles/Advocacy/Policy_Initiatives_February_22.pdf

OTHER

Ms. Ameres shared the following meeting dates:

7) Follett Users' Group Meeting - April 28, 2022 ~ Zoom

8) OPALS Users' Group Meeting - April 27, 2022 ~ Zoom

9) Council Meeting - May 13, 2022 ~ 8:30 – 9:30 am ~ Zoom

Mr. Vitevitch explained that the date and time of this meeting will likely be changed as the liaison meeting will consist of participation in the first half of a day-long a workshop co-hosted by NYLA/SSL and the NYS School Library Systems Association, "Collection, Selection, & Objection," featuring Dr. Barbara Stripling among others. Mr. Vitevitch will share the workshop flyer. A limited number of participants will be able to watch the livestream at SLS in Bellport.

10) Liaison Meeting - May 13, 2022 – See details above.

11) Library Leadership Academy ~ Zoom

Updates can be found here: <https://www.esboces.org/Page/1683>

March 23, 2022 ~ Elementary Level Book Talks

March 24, 2022 ~ Secondary Level Book Talks

March 31, 2022 ~ Digital Age Teaching for ELLs (Part 2)

April 14, 2022 ~ WeVideo Beginner: Getting Started 101

12) Authors Unlimited will be virtual this year.

13) Mr. Vitevitch:

- a) shared on screen, the SLS LibGuides "Meeting Handouts" page, pointing out that recordings and documents related to SSL programs can be found there and that they may be of interest to teachers.
- b) announced that he is working with Outdoor Ed from Western Suffolk BOCES to arrange a day out in the sun for liaisons
- c) shared that libraries can add the free NY Reads and LI Student Reads collections to SORA accounts.
- d) Announced that new books have been added to the Rosen collection in the VRC
- e) Reminded the group that a number of database trials are underway; they can be accessed via the VRC page

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Ameres at 9:24 a.m.