

NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting

9/21/2020

Present: Amanda Packert, Alex Norden, Karen Homer, Kirsten Anderson, Renee McGrath, Dr. Bea Baaden, Valerie Mignone-Conklin, Judy Ashby, Agi Rosen, Gina Russo

Absent: Ellen Widawsky,

Due to the switch in Director and the Global Pandemic, Minutes were not available for either the March or May 2020 meetings.

- Vote held to approve Global Pandemic & Other extenuating circumstances By Laws Amendment: All present voted yes. Amendment attached to minutes, will be added to the By Laws and posted on the SLS website.
- All present members agree to stay on for 2020-2021, Ellen Widawsky emailed to say that she would like to remain a member. Michelle Philips resigned at end of last year. Jodi Thompson resigned before first council meeting by email.
- Volunteers were asked for Minutes-taking for the 2020-2021 meeting:
 - 10/20/20- Kirsten Anderson
 - 12/8/20- Karen Homer
 - 3/16/21- Agi Rosen
 - 5/13/21- Renee McGrath
- Due to pandemic, new nominee process for SLS Advisory Council. Council would like to add at least 2 additional members to replace those that resigned. Possible new members will be discussed at or before 10/20 meeting. Suggestion to bring someone on that has STEM focus was discussed.
- Annual Report is due October 30, 2020 this year and will be presented for approval at 10/20/20 meeting.
- Dr. Bea Baaden mentioned that she has a student in need of placement and requested this be sent to the listserv.
- Renee McGrath mentioned that she would like to explore how school and public librarians might have a joint session or meet-up.

**NBSLS Advisory Council
BY LAWS Amendment
September 21, 2020**

In case of global pandemic, or other extenuating crisis circumstances

- 1- Members' terms that were set to expire during the crisis period may be extended for up to 1 year*
- 2- Liaison and council meetings during the crisis period may be less than full-day and may be held virtually*
- 3- Other changes that are necessary will be voted upon by the current council members, recorded in the minutes, and expire at the end of the crisis period.*

Advisory Council Minutes for October 20, 2020

2:30-4:00 pm

Present: Judy Ashby, Bea Baaden, Gina Russo, Kirsten Anderson, Amanda Packert, Bridget Sitler, Renee McGrath, Valerie Conklin

Judy:

Kirsten is taking the minutes today

Nomination of potential new members

Carol Ann expressed an interest when speaking with Judy.

We could approach Dr. Joann Kukulis to be a potential new member

We would like to approve 2 people potentially. Possibly a tech director.

For the minutes from the last meeting, we can approve next time.

SLS Updates

Judy just held our Liaison Meeting 62 people attending from 12:30-2:30.

Went over the survey. Libraries are open to some degree. Many are hybrid and are doing library work. 93% are providing instruction, 70% are going into the classrooms.

78% are doing library instruction. 63% are circulating materials.

Local decision to use librarians in other areas for 10% of the time.

Upcoming:

Election Day is Fall Institute, fully online this year. Project Look Sharp (Ithaca College)- 3 hour media literacy presentation with breakout rooms. Lessons on evaluation of information will be provided. It is a free institute. Vendor-sponsored. 100 per library system would be the maximum (300 total) due to the breakout room limits. Right now there are 60 enrolled.

Judy has some extra rollover money for purchasing materials for libraries. Last year the purchase was EdWeek Magazine. After listening to speakers on equity, Judy would like to purchase an Overdrive Sora collection to create some equity within the districts so all will have access to a curated collection of resources for their schools to have access. Some districts have Sora and others do not. Judy has about \$10000 to purchase items at different levels. Judy will need to talk to the Sora rep about creating equity with the sharing of the materials on the Sora shelf.

December- SLOY and AOY awards announcement of how it will work.

Judy will reach out to Laurie Martucci-Walsh about running it again.

Goals we need to set together for the 5 year plan. Council needs to vote on it.

Annual report needs to be approved. We need to get up to 12 members.

Judy will email it to us for our approval.

Bringing together public and school librarians- an idea from Renee and Judy- Possibly February

NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting 12-8-20

Judy is thinking of moving the time for the next Council meeting.
October 20 minutes passed.

Still getting complaints about unresponsiveness of Overdrive. “Not taking care of their people, new customers included.” Judy has experienced this herself in purchasing a collection. Bridget set up user groups for Overdrive so that librarians can help each other get support for their Overdrive accounts.

Reallocating funds which Judy had wanted to spend with Overdrive to purchase News-o-matic for all elementary school libraries. News-o-Matic won a Teacher’s Choice Award from Learning Magazine for 2020, and was one of AASL’s Best Apps for Teaching and Learning in 2013. They have been responsive, the product has a lot to offer and they are excited for this partnership with us. The agreement with Newsomatic will go until December 31, 2021 and there will be a “launch date” in January.

- Teacher accounts will be given to the school librarian. If there is none, the school or district will appoint another teacher (maybe technology?) to utilize the account.
- Three student accounts at different levels and training is included.
- They will be included in the 2021 Price List as a vendor for schools that wish to purchase accounts for all teachers and have individual accounts for each student..
- Judy will create a press release to local news outlets and will feature Nassau librarians using Newsomatic.

NBSLS 5 Year Plan of Service- due to NYS April 1, 2021

Instructions & additional important information is available here:
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/pos/index.html>

- Special Client Groups were not addressed in the last year. Judy is examining this aspect of the Plan again in light of the ways that other SLSs plan their own services for special groups.
- May tie in professional development with the idea of preparing librarians to serve special client groups.
- Maybe plan a Zoom and/or breakout sessions to work on this together. Judy may invite others to give input to the process of creating the new 5 year plan.
- Coordinated Services for Members may also be reconsidered.

- 2016-2021 Approved Plans of Action footer SLS:
 - <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/pos/pos-url.htm>

SLOYA and SAOYA call for nominations has been put out. Judy is thinking of sharing the nominations with us and discussing them. Nominations need to be done by February, and plaques should be ordered by mid March for engraving later.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

**SLS Advisory Council - 3/16/21
2:30 pm**

In - zoom attendance - Kristen Anderson, Judith Ashby, Bea Baaden, Valerie Conklin, Karen Homer, Joanna Koukoulas, Renee McGrath, Alex Norden, Amanda Packert, Agi Rosen, Glna Russo, Bridget Sitler, Carol Anne Weik,

Very few submissions for the award this year. One submission for school librarian is in question.

Administrator of the year- East Williston Principal, Dr. Sean Feeney - nominated by librarian, Jo Beth Roberts.

For school librarian - Amelie Weber, Karen Mylan. We will send Judy a separate vote. Judith would like to set up a committee because Laurie is concerned about the integrity of the process. Some thoughts for future awards- self nomination? alternate the admin award with the librarian award?

The five-year plan - Judy will add and delete. Element 2- Special Client Groups - add LGBTQ, economically disadvantaged and other protective classes.

Element 3 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING - take out "learn and create."

SLP rubric - school library program rubric. No longer SLMPY.

Bridget is scheduling vendor meetings and PD meetings, social-emotional learning (SEL) News-O-Matic in April. Kristen is giving an SEL presentation virtually at LILAC next week. SEL and summer reading. Joann is presenting on Culturally Responsive Classrooms/ Addressing Diversity in her district. - books & practical applications in lessons.

Rooms and dates are being held for in-person meetings and virtual for meetings next year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Submitted by Agi Rosen

NASSAU BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES
SLS Advisory Council - 5/25/21
2:30 pm

In zoom attendance - Kirsten Anderson, Judith Ashby, Bea Baaden, Valerie Conklin, Karen Homer, Joanna Koukoulas, Renee McGrath, Alex Norden, Amanda Packert, Agi Rosen, Glna Russo, Carol Anne Weik, Ellen Widawsky

Council is not held to open meeting laws.

Minutes from 3/16/21 were approved with one change (Kirsten's name was misspelled).

Expiring terms. 3 council members extended their terms for one-year last year because of the pandemic. Alex, Valerie, and Ellen. They can either extend their term for two more years or let Council know and they intend to leave and the search for replacements will begin.

Valerie indicated that she will stay and Alex has a colleague that might be interested in taking his place. He will let Council know asap.

SLS has a new listserv called Mobilize. Judy would like to form a subgroup of council members and test it over the summer. It was agreed that this was a good idea so Judy will set up this group to use starting immediately and throughout the summer.

Activities Update

Shared ebook collection / Sora

The shared collection is going strong, and Judy is very happy with the support and the usage.

Valerie commented that she is grateful Judy made this happen because it is an equitable use of the funds. All districts have been authenticated. There was some discussion about students who do not take home their devices over the summer and how to have their login credentials available.

Judy wants to get a selection committee together to help with collection development. She also created a google form that staff can suggest titles either for themselves or on behalf of their students.

News-o-Matic

The one year subscription is setup in such a way that is one shared account for the entire county. This was a way of being able to afford access for everyone in the SLS. Otherwise, it would have cost 1,000 per school and with 350 schools, this would have been cost prohibitive. They are planning a summer reading contest to try and garner interest in the service.

Purchases for Next Year

Rosen Books is a possibility (SLS didn't purchase them last year). Or possibly, Sounds Abound which offers non-copyright music for elementary schools.

Need input from Council on what priorities should be for next year. Possible subcommittee for purchasing.

5 Year-Plan

SLS is still waiting for approval.

There will be professional development over the summer. Teachingbooks.net has a collection analysis tool and there will be something on Sora and collection development.

SLS has reserved rooms for the fall liaison meetings. Depending on capacity requirements, might have to either divide things up and do things multiple times or limit the number of people who attend.

Fall Institute

Still not sure whether it will be in person or not.

Liaison dates for next year: 12/20/21, 12/7/21, 3/8/22, 5/18/22. Motion to approve the dates by Kirsten and unanimously approved.

Carol Anne got approved to present at the next NYLA Annual Conference in November and thanked Judy for encouraging people to apply.

Judy thanked Council for their support during her first year at Nassau BOCES and wished everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM