

### NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes October 5, 2021 Nassau BOCES SLS Council Meeting 3:00PM via zoom

Members present: Ellen Widawsky, Laurie Martucci Walsh, Amanda Packert, Dr. Bea Baaden, Director of the Palmer School, Carole Anne Weik, Gina Russo, Joanne Koukoulas, Judith Ashby.

Welcome new liaison Laurie Martucci Walsh.

Judith said things are very hectic with staff losses. Bridget helped set up Judith over the summer. We are looking for a new Bridget. Job posting is up on indeed. Job is a 12 month position and a salary cut so it has been challenging to fill. Also have to fill the ILL position, a 10 hour per week spot. Until this position is filled there will be no ILL.

Summer contest with News-O-Matic. 3 winners will be announced. No one really read a lot. News-O-Matic will continue for another year.

How do we attract a diverse group of librarians? How do we recruit librarians? We can talk about a plan for the 3 BOCES.

American Rescue Plan Act: through this plan a lot of money (approx.. \$20,000.00) has been given to schools. The money must be spent by January. They want to have a partnership between libraries and museums, and they want to fund public libraries.

LI Schools Read is a shared collection of audio, ebooks, fiction and nonfiction

BOCES annual report due October 30. Must be approved.

Committees: Laurie has been in charge of this committee for 10 years and is happy to continue. We need to look at the guidelines. We will review the criteria to determine if there should be changes. Looking for another person to join the committee.

Judith spoke about overdrive. Wishes we could purchase ore books for the collection. Many students are waiting to read popular titles. Judith wants a committee to work on policy. Valerie had expressed interested in helping.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Widawsky, Chatterton School

February 2, 2022

Attendees: Judy Ashby, Ellen Maleszewski, Gina Russo, Kirsten Anderson, Agnes Rose, Valerie Concklin, Amanda Packert, Renee McGrath, Karen Homer, Laurie Walsh-Martucci

1. Judy gives an Introduction to Ellen Maleszewski new Program Specialist
  - a. Came to us from Westbury (Powells)
  - b. Talked about how to do things remote classes / PD
  - c. Ellen does a lot of what Bridget did – first line of defense for Follet questions an online database orders but Ellen and Mildred are getting trained in Follet
2. Judy reports Department is restructured
  - a. Mildred, Ellen, Kim, and Paul No more Tammy
3. Judy Reports Annual report was submitted on time – we had some minor corrections, but it was approved right away. We are done until next October.
4. Judy Reports about the American Rescue care Act
  - a. Gave money to public library
  - b. NYS focused on digital equity
  - c. Museum library collaboration
    - i. LI museum collaborated with school libraries to offer its “Vehicles of Change” program, aimed at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, provided a book, and then did a zoom program
    - ii. Roosevelt did it and Judy witnessed it – it was amazing
    - iii. Usually costs \$125/class but they did it for free for districts in need on LI
  - d. Judy has an idea to give mini grants to schools because it was such a great program
5. Judy Reports about March 1rst – Long Island student read- program for specifically about culturally responsive collection
  - a. Sora was for libraries that didn’t have a collection, but this is in addition to that
  - b. The Culturally responsive collection is supposed to be exemplar
  - c. Leading with social conscience
  - d. Judy is creating a culturally sensitive collection herself
6. Judy reports about ARPA stuff is exciting – out state is giving us money, and the opportunity to show off
  - a. We need to do a Long Island Promotion of school librarians
    - i. Library Museum is doing PR
    - ii. PR for Long Island Student Read collection
  - b. Consider the source Laura Bush grant- NYS Archives is on it
    - i. We have a little bit to do with it
    - ii. School libraries, SS teachers, archivist

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- iii. Trying to find traditionally marginalized groups in the archive
- 7. Judy reports about Liaison meeting –
  - a. Ellen wants to jazz it up a bit, 2 hrs. on zoom not enough
  - b. March 8 will remain the same
  - c. May 18<sup>th</sup> – hopeful to do in person...
    - i. Do it outdoors?
    - ii. Covered pavilion?
      - 1. Everybody likes the idea
      - 2. Action: Ellen and Judy will make a plan and have it available at March meeting
- 8. Judy introduces the Awards information form for AoY & SLoY – needs to be changed
  - a. Laurie created documented with changes – she is reviewing the changes
  - b. Judy informs us that Tammy was the receiver, but she is not now- goes to [library@nasboces.org](mailto:library@nasboces.org)
    - i. Per Laurie -Whoever receives it sends it to Laurie who shares it with Laurie who shares it with the committee with a google form
    - ii. Committee members need to be the following: One council member (Laurie), membership person, liaison person, winner from last year, and another council member
    - iii. Laurie presents chances -Reviewed changes that need to be made
      - 1. Judy Responds: We cannot remove line 1 – Supports the Plan of Service of the Nassau BOCES School Library System but it doesn't have to be the first item.
        - a. Action: Leaving it in but put it towards the bottom and put in a link for reference
      - 2. Instrumental in seeking funding to improve library programs (MOVE TO STRIKE)
        - a. Action: Instead of striking, maybe the word instrumental is too strong – switch it out for support or advocates
      - 3. Newly formed annually added –
        - a. Per Judy take out newly
        - b. Action: change to formed annually
      - 4. At least 1 other – keep
      - 5. Propose 500 words to 250 – ok
      - 6. Email not to Tammy move it to [library@nasboces.org](mailto:library@nasboces.org)
      - 7. Date and time stamp of final day – is good
      - 8. Librarian one same changes / but we need to confirm title
        - a. Action: Judy and Ellen will look up title
      - 9. Do we include retirees?

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- iv.
  - a. All thinks that we can do that, but with a deadline ie Retired within the last 6 month or 12 months etc.
  - 2. Changes so far are good – but Judy proposed we need to continue to look at this and discuss the retiree is eligible to win – it’s for the previous school year / putting this on the next council meeting – Laurie going to look at how we want to notate it because certainly if they worked in the last year
  - 3. Agi volunteered to be on the committee
  - 4. Judy asked if she could nominate her administrator
    - a. Everyone said it was fine
- 9. Next meeting is March 30,2022

NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting - March 30, 2022  
Virtual

- 1. Volunteer for minutes – Ellen Maleszewski
- 2. Approval of minutes – February 2022- 6 votes of approval
- 3. SLS Update:
  - a. Arpa Fund Projects – Judy reviews the ARPA fund project

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.

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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

Submitted by Renee McGrath

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NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting - June 2, 2022  
Virtual

Nassau BOCES School Library System  
June 2, 2022

**Attending:** Bea Baaden, Valerie Conklin, Agi Rosen, Laurie Martucci-Walsh, Renee McGrath, Kristen Anderson, Carole Anne Weik, Joanne Koukoulas

There were no meeting notes to review.

### News:

- There is a new process for databases and all SLS had difficulty with it. There were many errors found with this new process and it took a while to get it in working order. Information about databases will be announced shortly.
- Regional Fall Institute: 11/8/22 and the Follett User Meetings are TBD.
- The September liaison meeting will still be on Zoom and the date will be announced when Judy consults the school calendar. More than likely 9/20/22.
- The Fall Institute on 11/8 (on Election Day as usual) and will be in person at the Radisson. Limit is 225 people; everything will be in the big room with 4 sessions. There will not be small breakout rooms.
- There was a lengthy discussion about school media specialists, computer science & digital fluency standards, media literacy bills before the legislature for certified media specialists in every building and the shortage of graduates from library school pursuing a career as a school media specialist.
- Judy discussed intellectual freedom and the banning of books and mentioned that she spoke on a panel at the Levittown Public Library that was organized by the League of Women Voters of Nassau County.

### Council Business:

- The next year's schedule of meetings was reviewed and approved. All are planned for in-person at the Merrick facility. The liaison meetings are as follows: 10/18/22, 12/7/22, 3/9/23, 5/17/23
- Advisory Council meetings will be on the same day after the liaison meetings.
- All 3 SLS on LI have the same liaison dates and they are working on a grant together and it would be great to have one of the PDs virtually and on the same day so staff from all three systems can attend.
- This would be 10.18.22, which was pointed out is a Jewish holiday. However, it was decided that it is not a major one. Someone suggested that a hybrid option would be good to offer.
- Membership and the terms of two board members in the Council was discussed. A committee needs to be formed. How to recruit new council members was discussed. One suggestion was to have a table at the fall liaison meeting with information and nominating forms for recruiting interested people.
- Judy will email by-laws to the council.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Renee McGrath