JOINT MEETING OF

Oswego County School Library System
Communications Coordinators and Council

May 13, 2014
Oswego BOCES
Fulton Commons
8:30 am – 11:00 am

MINUTES

In Attendance
Adam Wall Kim LeRoy Karen Culotti
Angela Enigk Mary Alice Brunell Ted Love
Jennifer Lyons Kristy Ryan Elaine Flood
Wendy Scalfaro Elizabeth Woods Marla Yudin
Marie Stroup Rachel Allen Mary Ann Phillips
Nicole Nicosia Carole Kupelian

Guests:
Teresa Burgdorf Betsy Connors Sarah Fay
Stephanie Maturo William Lynch Barbara Senecal

The meeting began with an informal light breakfast and opportunities for READ poster photos, taken by Lani Camp, BOCES Public Relations Assistant.

After people had gathered, recipients of a Teacher’s Center Grant reported on their “Crafting Inquiry Based Research Projects”. Teams of School Library Media Specialists and Teachers met for 10 hours, over the course of 4 weeks, to transform current research projects into Inquiry Based Projects. Lesson Plans will ultimately be made available through the School Library System Union Catalog. Each Grant participant received a copy of Rx for the Common Core, by Mary Boyd Ratzer and Paige Jaeger. Three Librarians described their projects.

- Marie Stroup, LMS at Hannibal High School, collaborated with 9th and 10th grade English Teachers, to revamp a 12th grade research project in response to demands of NYS 12th Grade ELA Modules. Project
title: “What’s Your Issue Today?” Students were given short seed texts/articles/videos on a wide variety of current issues to spark thinking. Then the Hannibal team used the Information Fluency Continuum Assessments to guide students through the entire research process, from thinking >research>writing.

- Kristy Ryan, LMS at E J Dillon Middle School worked with ELA and Social Studies teachers to develop a cross-curricular inquiry-based unit on the Industrial Revolution. Used Schoology to organize the project. The unit was introduced with photos from WikiMedia Commons, from that time period, and students were asked to write their reactions to the photos, as a way to connect with the Industrial Revolution, and generate essential questions. Students then wrote questions using an Information Fluency Continuum graphic organizer. Brainpop videos were used give more context. Students used World Book Online, Grolier online encyclopedias, and the library collection to conduct research and answer their own question. In the final piece students will state their argument, write their opinion, and be reviewed based on a rubric.

- Angela Enigk, Library Media Specialist at Central Square Middle School collaborated with Science teachers to inject higher level thinking into a typical animal research project. Based on Bloom’s Taxonomy, Angela collaborated with CSMS Science teachers to create an essential question for students to answer. Then students created banks of lower level questions (based on Bloom’s taxonomy) to help guide their research, and collect enough data to answer the teacher’s question. The unit will be used in the 2-14-15 school year. They’re estimating it will take 6-7 library classes to complete the project, expecting that students will probably need instruction prior to starting their fact gathering, on how to frame an essential question.

- Christine Santimaw and English Teacher, Bonnie Orlando, who were not able to attend this meeting, did participate in the grant. They prepared a unit around the Crucible by Arthur Miller on the themes of bullying/judging other, mob mentality and the role of religion in decision making.

Administrator of the Year Award

Marla announced that Stephanie Maturo, Director of Technology for Fulton City Schools, was the first winner of the Oswego School Library System’s Administrator of the Year Award. Wendy Scalfaro, on behalf of all the Fulton City School Librarians, summarized the extraordinary support Stephanie has provided for Library Media Program in Fulton. Tracy Fleming, BOCES Director of Technology, also shared comments on Stephanie’s leadership.
Regular Meeting Began at 10:00

Present:

Council: Mary Alice Brunell, Karen Culotti, Carole Kupelian, Ted Love, Jennifer Lyons
Communication Coordinators, Adam Wall, Angela Enigk, Wendy Scalfaro, Marie Stroup, Nicole Nicosia, Kim LeRoy, Kristy Ryan, Elizabeth Woods, Rachel Allen, Marla Yudin, Mary Ann Phillips, Elaine Flood

Summer Professional Learning Opportunities:

1) Christine Dowd, Apple Educator, who will be coming to BOCES on July 28th, free workshop. Bring ipad, for learning opportunities. (see attachment for complete description)

2) Carol LaRow, Google Educator will be coming to Alex-Bay. People liked what she recently did in at the SSL conference in Syracuse. We are planning to have her for a one day meeting at Bonnie Castle in August. We are hoping that Aug. 19 will work with her schedule. We will know the actual date in a few weeks.

3) Leadership Retreat at Cornell, The SLS will cover your registration, with includes a single room. August 4 & 5, 2014. Arrival would be August 3. Participants will receive a 15 hour Continuing Education Certificate.

4) Test Data and Librarians: Barb Recchio-Demmin, Data Coordinator for BOCES, showed us test data from the 2013 testing and how she analyzed it to indicate on which standards the students scored the lowest. (see attached). As we know, last year was the first year of testing with Common Core curriculum and there was a decline in performance. The new curriculum was more rigorous and students did not have the background to do well. As you can see, these standards are OUR standards as librarians. On August 27th please plan to attend a full day workshop with a teacher ( or teachers) partner to look at this year and last year’s data and the areas/standards where the students need help and plan with the teacher to create lessons that will address those areas of weakness. This will be good work.

TEXT AND CONTEXT

This is a new service that BOCES is providing to all Oswego County Schools. It has two strands; Teacher Learning Portal, wherein teachers can see and hear close reading of the text by scholars and a Student Portal with Smart board resources wherein teachers and librarians can assign text to students to work through on their own. Your Curriculum Directors and members of the Literacy committee have been made aware of this service. This was tested with 12th graders and students said it kept them very focused.

You will soon be contacted by the company representative, Preethi Govindaraj We see this as one more way for you to be pivotal in your building. With you as the contact person and administrator, Preethi will be setting up building accounts and you will share these with your teachers. Librarians will know what goes on in school and can help teachers with education. Teachers will work closely with librarians and will strengthen librarian’s role in the buildings. All librarians at all schools will be contacted regarding this by Preethi Govindaraj.

SLS SURVEY WILL BE SENT OUT IN A WEEK.

ILL STATISTICS. Thank you for submitting your July-Jan statistics. The January to June is due by June 18. You can still request books through us if needed. Numbers of requests look lower this year.

Congratulations to Jen Lyons and Bette Helwig who are retiring this year. We thank Jen for her nearly 20 years on the Council.
ICICILL UPDATE is June 15. Elaine will be requesting your records. Records can be sent after inventory for the September update, if you wish to wait until after inventory.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
We are looking toward April 24-25, 2015 for the county battle.
Host district: Fulton
There will be 10 books at each level:

For HS we eliminated: Fahrenheit 451, Fault In Our Stars, and alternates
For MS we eliminated: Jump Into Sky, False Prince, alternates
For 5/6 we eliminated: Touch Blue, Wizard of Oz, Ordinary Dogs, Alchemyst, Fairy Tale Detectives, and alternates
For 3 & 4 we eliminated: Bite of the Gold Bug, Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang, Snowflake Bentley, Babe, Maybell in the Soup, and alternates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56