

SLS Council meeting
October 13, 2015

Present: Pat Finnerty, Renee Burns, Karen O'Donnell, Chris Harris, Joan Ellison, Mary Burns, Saragrace Friday, Holly Mullin, Julie Hengenius, Nicki Lerczak

The meeting was called to order at 3:07. and the minutes from the last meeting were approved (Holly Mullin motioned, Renee Burns seconded the motion).

A consent vote was called for the slate of officers: Mary Burns as president, Renee Burns as vice-president, and Nicki Lerczak as secretary. The vote was approved by the members.

SLS Updates:

- RRLC and the Ad Council of Rochester are offering grants so Andy and Chris went to RRLC to learn more about it. They are thinking about reworking Fish4Info and submitting an application to help with marketing/communicating the usefulness of the databases.
- 2 other grant applications have been submitted. The first one is to NYS Learning Tech (with Karen O'Donnell) for 10 kits that cover aspects of tech for teachers. This will help with a recent announcement made in NYC that all classes help teach computer science over a 10 year roll-out. The second grant is with Rochester Roots and is about urban gardening and STEM learning. We are trying to get them to come out to some of our schools (Batavia Middle) and have them teach systems thinking/sustainability/critical thinking.
- There is also an LTG grant which is \$50k a year for 3 years to help with additional staffing.

New Business:

- Plan of Service
 - There was a meeting in June and the council reviewed the results of that meeting. It was decided that we will brainstorm for ideas at our next meeting and draft a document. We need things for each of the next 5 years. The PoS is due in April 2016.
- Member updates
 - Pat Finnerty shared that the numbers were down for the Summer Reading program. There was a discussion about how hard it is to get kids to read/borrow books. Saragrace Friday shared a program she did where she took books to a low-income housing area and set up a table and checked out books. It was also discussed how Bookmobiles are coming back to towns without public libraries. There was agreement about some librarians getting together to discuss collaboration between the schools and the public libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

