

SLS Council Meeting

GVEP – LeRoy Service Center Conference Room C

May 14, 2013

Present: Christine Ferris, Secretary; Matthew Perry; Nicki Lerczak; Chris Allen; Lynne Blum, Chair; Pat Finnerty; Jill Feine; Chris Harris, SLS; Deb Donahue; Anne-Marie Gordon

Absent: Kristie Miller

Call to order at 3:15

Minutes from last meeting reviewed.

Motion to approve by Jill. Seconded by Anne-Marie.

Minutes approved.

Decision-making matrix

- Chris emailed it to council members to help facilitate decisions being made by SLS. The chart explains different types of decisions, levels of involvement, and point of final decision.
- The SLS will let people know what type of decision making process will be used before input is sought or when the SLS invites librarians to be involved in decisions.
- Consensus will continue to be used in council and will move towards that in the larger community. But many decisions, like in CoSers, are made at a higher level. Superintendents make monetary decisions for districts.
- It was a concern that librarians are perhaps being worked-around to go to superintendents. SLS's role is to support librarians, a member said. Chris says that he rarely goes directly to superintendents without involving librarians. He does communicate with district administrators often, but it is mostly to advocate for library programs and students and teachers.
- Stress, APPR, Common Core, budgets, are contributing to our unhappiness as librarians. We need to get back to our "happy place". We need to move on, if we can.
- Changes to meetings: Maybe during meetings, we should do a round robin where everyone gets a chance to say their mind. Minutes will be

taken with recorders taking turns keeping notes. Any votes we have will be open. Jill Feine appointed to chair committee to redesign communication coordinator meetings.

Motion made by Anne-Marie: We, as a council, support the SLS in using the matrix.

All agree – motion passed unanimously

Empire State IFC

- Communication Coordinators have asked Council to revisit Council's decision from last meeting. We are the only SLS didn't endorse the document
- The skills and benchmarks are dated. The strength is the Common Core piece. But don't want to let concerns hold back involvement in updates or use.
- It was suggested that we endorse the document, noting that we are doing so with these reservations/concerns. Some pieces needed to be revised.

Motion made by Chris Allen: In support of our fellow librarians across the state, we are endorsing the documents with the understanding that the documents be continually updated. We cannot adopt it as written.

Nicki seconded motion.

Motion carried, with Anne-Marie abstaining.

Bylaws Update Review

- Chris took us through his proposed changes with his reasoning behind them. Periodic review and mostly minor changes to reflect changed practices.
- Some changes:
 - Article II: clarify that roles come from §90.18 and that communication coordinators need to be updating district admin teams in addition to other library staff.
 - Article III: remove position of vice chair that has been unfilled for a few years.
 - Article V: streamline the election of council officers

- Article VI: clarifications to committees
- It was suggested that council members and minutes be listed on the website in a more prominent way

Motion made to adopt changes by Jill. Seconded by Chris A.

Motion carried.

End of Year Items

- Mary Ingles is retiring. Perry may rehire.
- Byron-Bergen is eliminating a position.
- Chris thanks everyone serving on Council.
- Communication Coordinator/Council Meetings for next year:
 - Oct 22
 - Dec 10
 - Feb 11
 - May 13
- A regional day may be held on Oct. 11 depending on feedback from annual report. Chris will contact GCC.
 - Nicki has offered to have a session for librarians who work with ACE classes.

Motion to adjourn by Nicki. Seconded by Deb.

Dismissed at 4:48.