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SLS Council meeting December 19, 2017

Present: Chris Harris, Julie Hengenius, Holly Mullin, Stacey Donahue, Amy White, Mary Burns, Nicki Lerczak, & Saragrace Friday

The meeting was called to order at 3:05. Minutes were approved with edits – Motion by Julie, seconded by Holly.

SLS Updates New Position

Annual report was approved by Library Development. Edits/explanation was needed for travel grant monies spent. New staff member, Andrea Fetterly, was introduced. She has lots of experience (former youth services librarian from Richmond Memorial PL) and will be visiting the school libraries. We may be able to do more with Pioneer/NIOGA public libraries with Andrea as liaison.

Annual Survey Results

Mostly satisfied, some issues with Five Systems & ILL (ongoing). Desired professional development for makerspaces and some standards. Working with Monroe 1 to bring someone in (someone who's good for science standards). Working on having staff set notices when they're out of the office for a longer stretch (vacations).

Storytelling Festival

Discussion about bringing in someone like Rick Riordan, doing a regional workshop and then having a follow up within district. Using the "rainy day" fund to cover costs. Doing this to keep storytelling alive. Discussion about the night event and kids with stage fright. Perhaps some collaboration with a public library to do a practice run or else try doing a mini-storytelling event.

Grant Updates & Innovation

This is the third year of the state tech grant. We received good feedback from John Brock @ State Ed. Our grant was different and innovative and has been really great in Batavia showing how tech begins with analog and design thinking first. LTG grant needs a school on the list of Needs Improvement, but you can form a larger group and include other schools and invite them in virtually (across a larger WNY region). New stuff is in the planning stages (tech/stem kits), we're also looking at new stuff coming out of Woz U. The plan is to keep innovating rapidly, slowly, by taking feedback and innovating where directed. Finally, there was discussion about ebooks (devices, chromebooks, collaboration with public libraries, and good resources for students with a classification – Bookshare).

New Business and Other Updates

Discussion of this morning's Communicator meeting then ensued. Looking forward to next meeting and working on LGTBQ issues and Autism spectrum.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:40 with a motion by Saragrace and seconded by Holly.