Jefferson-Lewis BOCES SLS Communication Coordinator & Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2013
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Admin. Bldg., 20104 State Route 3, Watertown, NY
Virtual attendance from LaFargeville Central School District

In attendance: Melissa Balk, Brittani Ellis, Krisha Greene, Deanna Henry, Tina Rogers, Meghan Davison, Elizabeth Jurkiewicz, Jackson Hyde, Hollie Snyder, Cindy Tidd, Ann Morosini, Tina Frank, Doreen Bergman

Communication Coordinator Meeting 9:00-12:00

8:30-9:00 Meet and Greet/Sign in

9:00-9:30 CCSS & Webpage
- The first discussion of the day centered on the new CCSS webpage that was created collaboratively with Doreen, Hollie Snyder, Patty Nortz, Ann Morosini, and Deanna Henry to connect our librarians and teachers to the Common Core texts that are recommended for the ELA modules.
- There was concern that some of the 7th and 8th grade links were not working. Work is continuing on the page and will continue to be a work in progress throughout the school year.
- Discussion then turned to the new JL BOCES SLS website and the new features. The News & Notes Blog is a big hit and many asked if an RSS feed could be included. Doreen will add one immediately.
- Several of the other new web pages on the site are being well received, especially the Database Trials page. Melissa B. asked that a page be included that would link to regional conferences to allow those not able to attend to review the workshops and materials presented.
- It was also agreed that replacing the Weekly Digest with the Monthly Newsletter was also a positive change.

Conference Attendance Report: Ann M. and Cindy T. attended the Greater CNY SLS Fall conference. Ann shared some “take-a-ways” that she felt would improve her library and program. She remarked that the quote “Librarians need to do more teaching and less library-ing” resonated with her. Cindy mentioned that librarians need to stop spending so much time on “Dewey” and has started a project that will give ownership of the library shelves to her 6th graders. She will share the project upon completion with pictures and a short article in the Monthly Newsletter.
9:30-10:00 OPALS Update:
Lisa Addison shared the newest updates to OPALS.

- She pointed out the OPALS list-serv and will send directions on how to join to Doreen to be shared with all of the member libraries.
- The newest updates to OPALS were done in October.
  - You can upload thumbnails of book jackets for those that are not already included.
  - OPALS will soon have an ebook manager that will allow you to create bookshelves and will soon have a module for including Fountas & Pinnell Guided Reading levels. They currently have a Lexile module.
  - Lisa then explained that you can add a distinctive identifier in OPALS in 852, subfield c so that you can search a specific subsection of your collection. Directions will be emailed.
- A big change in CIDER is the “AUTO UPDATE UNION CATALOG” utility. This utility allows you to go into “preference settings” and check the resources you do not want to go to CIDER. You choose by medium (book, audio book, electronic resource, DVD, etc.). At this time you cannot choose by Call #.
- There are also new features to OWL that allow you to create links to other websites.
- Lisa would be more than willing to come to your library to work with you in using these features.

10:00-11:00 WPBS- Vital New York:
Teri-Gene Conlin presented VITAL New York, a resource of PBS Learning Media.
- There are now over 33,000 free resources to use with your students and they are increasing their holdings by approximately 500 resources per month.
- If you previously used VITAL New York, your Teacher’s Domain folders did not migrate over when they updated to their new platform.
- The lessons include videos by NOVA, Frontline, PBS Kids, American Experience and NASA. There are also literacy collections.
- You can follow WPBS on Facebook and Twitter to be kept abreast of new offerings.
- Teri-Gene is willing to come to your schools to do presentations for your faculty members and students. Deanna H. had Teri-Gene present to her library club and the students were very excited to share what they learned with their classroom teachers.
- Please contact Teri-Gene directly to schedule any presentation or if you experience any trouble with any of the media. TGConlin@wpbstv.org.

11:00-12:00 Professional Development
The Leatherstocking Conference is December 11.
- Melissa B. and Jackson H. will be presenting.
  - Jackson is presenting on “On the Fringe: Getting Guys to Read with Horror and the Macabre, Gaming, Comedy and Just-Plain-Weird Fiction” and will be talking about how to get boys interested in reading and introducing titles that entice reluctant readers. He will share his list of books when it is completed.
  - Melissa is presenting on “Technology Integration, Research, and Presentation Skills” and will cover ideas for secondary librarians as taught to an information literacy class targeted at 11th and 12th grade students. She shared some of the websites that she will be highlighting in her presentation. She shared ck12.org
which curates high quality STEM resources. Melissa recommended that we explore SAS Curriculum Pathways and Virtual Nerd.

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Council Meeting: 1:00-3:00

In Attendance: Melissa Balk, Britanni Ellis, Krisha Greene, Deanna Henry, Tina Rogers, Meghan Davison, Elizabeth Jurkiewicz, Hollie Snyder, Cindy Tidd, Ann Morosini, Tina Frank, Angela Newman, Doreen Bergman

Matters before the Council:

Approval of minutes for September 24, 2013
- Krisha pointed out that her last name was spelled incorrectly. It will be adjusted to include the final “e” to Greene.
- Melissa requested that everyone read the minutes with particular attention paid to the Council Purpose.

A motion was made by Ann Morosini and seconded by Cindy Tidd. Vote was approved by all.

CCCD CoSer:
- Doreen suggested that we look at the possibility of updating the wording in the CCCD CoSer to better reflect the purpose of Cooperative Collection Development. A subcommittee of the Council will meet to look at the CoSer and make recommendations for change if needed. The members of the CoSer committee are Melissa Balk, Tina Rogers, Deanna Henry, Tina Frank, and Krisha Greene.
- A discussion of the eBooks section of the CCCD CoSer and how the money should be spent led to the formation of another Council subcommittee. The members are Elizabeth Jurkiewicz, Tina Frank, Hollie Snyder, Ann Morosini and Deanna Henry. There is also concern that not every district is contributing to the CoSer yet their students benefit from access to the books. Krisha suggested that Doreen present at the administrators meetings to reinforce the importance of participating and great benefit to all the students in the region.

Administrator Breakfast
- Doreen suggested that two awards be given at the Administrator Breakfast. The first award will be given to a Superintendent and the other to a building level administrator. The awards will be for the “Superintendent in Support of Libraries” and “Administrator in Support of Libraries.” The intention of the award is to recognize those administrators that show a high level of support to the library program, the librarian and support staff.
- A letter will be sent out to all member libraries with the recommendation requirements.
- All librarians and support staff are encouraged to recommend a supportive administrator for this award.
- A committee will be formed to choose the two recipients from the recommendations.
**Itinerant Librarians:**
- Concern was raised that General Brown has not yet filled their elementary position with a certified librarian. Doreen mentioned that she will talk with Todd Green and gather information about the possibility of BOCES employing Itinerant Librarians.

**Teacher Center Update:**
- Deanna shared that the Teacher Center received a $26,000 grant to create Professional Learning Communities. Teachers will receive a stipend for participation. It was suggested that we create a Teacher-Librarian PLC. Deanna also urged everyone to share this opportunity with their teachers and administrators.

**Teen Book Fest:**
- Krisha G. will once again look into sponsoring a bus to go to the 9th Annual Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival at Nazareth College on May 17th.

**Jefferson Lewis Library Association News**
- JLLA Special Holiday Event is on Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 PM in the Conference room at North Country Library System (22072 County Route 190, Watertown). The event features award winning author Barbara Briggs Ward. Gourmet desserts and coffee will be served. There is an $8.00 entry fee at the door and Ms. Ward’s books will be for sale at the event. You can RSVP to Melissa Balk at librarianbalk@gmail.com or call her at (315) 649-2281.
- The 2nd Annual Thousand Island Book Festival will be June 7th. The next planning meeting will be January 8th at 5:00 PM at Flower Library in Watertown. Please contact Meghan Davison for more information.

**North Country Library System:**
- Angela Newman, Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator, shared information about the Battle of the Books. The competition will be in the spring and she would encourage more schools to participate. Cindy T. mentioned that her entire 6th grade is participating. The Teen Tournament was last week. If you have any questions, please contact Angela.

**North Country School Library System news**: No report

**Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN) news**: No report

A motion to adjourn was made by Angela Newman and seconded by Melissa Balk at 2:46 p.m.