School Library System
Western Suffolk BOCES
Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 17th, 2020
9:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Jill Adler, Kim Bronzino, Carol Byrne, Dr. Matthew Covey, Donna Fife, Jane Herbst, Deanna Jakubowsky, Dawn Koziarz, Dr. Catherine Masrour, Sally Stieglitz, and Sara Kardasz. Absent: Dr. Bea Baaden, Elizabeth Aitken, Carolyn Burton-Gajda

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. The minutes of the September 23rd, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Jane and seconded by Sally.

Sara brought up for discussion:

Council Information Form: If you have not competed said form, please do so ASAP and email it to Sara

Annual Report: The report was submitted and approved by the State at the end of October. A link will be available on the WSBOCES website, as well as our School Library System LibGuide.

State Funding: The SLS received 80% of the State funding approved for 2020-2021 with the Governor holding back the additional 20%. When or if the 20% will be received is not known. With the receipt of these new funds, Sara was able to use the 2019-20 rollover funds. She did so by renewing the Union catalog, Teachingbooks.com, and various professional memberships such as LILRC and ALA. Unfortunately decisions had to be made and Sara was unable to renew NYLA.NY6wNYLA

Donna attended the virtual meeting and felt it was a very advantageous session. It should be remembered that both schools and the public libraries are serving the *same* students. Putting a face to the various positions makes contact more personal and easier to initiate. One topic of discussion was how students can obtain public library cards during the pandemic. A suggestion was that the school librarian might be able to submit a list of the names of their students. If they are enrolled in the district, they are residents. This would be at the discretion of the public library.

th **Regional Institute:** The virtual Institute was a huge success with attendees. It provided librarians inspiration, theory, models and resources for integrating critical thinking in messages with students and teachers through synchronous, asynchronous and face-to-face instruction. The presenters: Cyndy Sche

falls short is Inter-library loans. The same issues impeding moving forward in this regard continue to

Respectfully submitted, Carol Byrne Recording Secretary