

School Library System
Western Suffolk BOCES
Council Meeting
Thursday, January 14th, 2021
9:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Jill Adler, Elizabeth Aitken, Dr. Bea Baaden, Kim Brozino, Carolyn Burton-Gajda, Carol Byrne, Dr. Matthew Covey, Donna Fife, Jane Herbst,

. That being recognized in itself looks great on a resume. Sara mentioned that we could also send out a press release for added recognition. After discussion on a motion by Carol, seconded by Bea, it was unanimously approved to recommend Joseph Centamore as Administrator of the Year. On a motion by Bea, seconded by Catherine, it was unanimously approved to recommend Susan Teeter as Librarian of the Year. Further discussion about the May 12 meeting will be continued later in the agenda.

x Professional Development

- o Twenty members attended the November 18th Follett Users Group. Overall positive responses were received. There were many questions by attendees, which at times interrupted the flow of the presentation; but attendees appeared to get all their questions answered.
- o Three members attended the November 24th SWANK K-12 Streaming Workshop. All three attendees ordered the product. Sara needs more districts to show interest so she can have the company added to our COSER. They need not state that they will definitely purchase; but show interest in possibly doing so. Some districts are getting it directly and it would behoove them to purchase it through WSBOCES. Several Council members who have SWANK mentioned that they were unhappy with not having the ability to show clips of various lengths remotely; but rather had to view them in their entirety. Donna inquired about the availability of a simple information with the teachers in her school. She would like to share that
- o The planned Collegial Circles for January 13th & 20th have been canceled. Sara will give serious thought to continuing to plan

- The last Liaison meeting date: May 12th offered virtually. Jane recommended a virtual event modeled after the real event as closely as possible. Sara will contact vendors to see if one might be willing to cover the cost of plaques and a keynote speaker.

x LILRC news:

- <https://lilrc.org/events>
February 9th, 1-2:30: Creating a Professional and Effective PowerPoint Presentation
February 12th, 10-11:00: Learn to Create Tutorials with Camtasia
PILLARS Symposium, July 7-9th. For information: <https://www.esln.org/pillars>
 - x Topics exceptional learners
 - x High school experience
 - x 1st year college expressions
 - x Instructional practices

x New Business

- Bea had a question regarding private schools and if staff are permitted to attend School Library System programs. Sara sends invites to all non-public schools that are members of the SLS. We currently have seven.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Byrne
Recording Secretary