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School Library System
Western Suffolk BOCES
Council Meeting
February 24th, 2016

Council Members: Elizabeth Aitken, Dr. Bea Baaden, Carolyn Burton, Carol Byrne, Jane
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document will be helpful in planning next year’s programs/circles/workshops,
etc.
 There is a need for a teacher librarian leader program. Sara is working with Tom
DeNicola (who runs the summer school program and the teacher center) to see
what can be implemented. Both Sara and Tom are passionate about leadership
programs for both librarians and teachers. This is an area in which the librarians
rated their programs as below basic/basic.
 Jane mentioned that as of July 1st “permanent certification” will cease. Those
currently having a permanent certificate will NOT be grandfathered. We will all
have to get professional development hours to maintain certification.
 Sara mentioned that there will be a link for both the CCD plan and the Member
Plan on our website. She encourages librarians to continue to complete the
SLMPE rubric on a yearly basis to see if the library status has increased or
decreased in the various categories.
 Five-year plan review. As of February 15th, links on webpage have to be updated.
Today’s members reviewed the plan, discussed various points, questioned others
and on a motion by Jane, seconded by Min, it was approved
 We discussed Librarian and Administrator of the Year Awards. The awards could
be presented at a Liaison meeting or a Vendor Showcase. We talked about a
vendor showcase in which vendors would be charged a fee which in turn would
cover the cost of food. Besides distributing awards we could showcase
library/librarian success stores, acknowledge retirees, etc. We could have
“Celebrate Our Successes” photos on a slide show on the message board
throughout the event. Bea sent Sara an e-mail supporting the idea of a vendor
showcase in May. There would be no fee for librarians to attend, it is just hoped
they could get release time from their district. A number of titles 0 1 540.1 390.07 Tm
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 Sara will work on a date for a vendor showcase event and if that fails, awards can
be given at the May 17th Liaison meeting
 “Celebrate Our Successes”: Carolyn suggested that this be brought

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have to broaden our approach to guide them in the technology they are using.
Sara mentioned that Todd Ross is a proponent of continuously evaluating your
program.
 We discussed collecting data within our libraries: how often we check out/in
books, answer