



Edith Winthrop Teacher Center

Policy Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 4:00PM

Richard J Bailey School
33 W. Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10603

1. Vote on Budget Amendment
2. Educational Leadership Program
Informational Session on February 29
4:00 – 4:45 PM
3. Book Studies: Melissa Iamónico
4. [Science Conference](#) - Saturday, March 2 @ Sleepy Hollow HS
5. DEI Spring Book Club: Michelle Kaczmarek- April 8 - May 24, 2024
6. Quorum Discussion
7. Last PB Meeting
 - Tuesday, May 14th at 4:00 PM



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Policy Board Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Sheila Ahern, Dori Brown, Dr. Robert Feirsen, Melissa Iamonico, Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek, Kristie Martinez, Christine Metrinko, Cristina Moccia, Jean O'Brien, Maria Rudolph, Bettina Spargo

Non Voting Members Present: Lori D'Andrea, Susan Farrell and Theresa Gallucci

Members Absent: Diamond Brown, Megan Lasky, Jenice Mateo-Toledo, Katherine Tovar, Michael McCoy, Jaclyn Warren

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Lori D'Andrea

Introduction:

Lori D'Andrea welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Dr. Feirsen introduced himself and shared information on current and upcoming Manhattanville programs. He also informed us of the changes in the administration including the new designation as a university.

Budget Amendment Vote:

Because of a temporary change in the work schedule of Theresa Gallucci (our Support Staff member), we have to move \$1,200 out of code 16 and \$92 out of Code 80 (Employee Benefits). The decrease in the benefits code directly reflects the decrease in FICA benefits (7.65%).

The monies will be moved to code 40 (Purchased Services) to pay for additional professional learning opportunities in the spring of this year and \$14 will be moved to code 90 to adjust the Indirect Cost. The motion was made by Michelle Kaczmarek and seconded by Melissa Iamonico. All members were in favor of the proposed amendment.

Educational Leadership Program

Lori asked the PB members to share the information that can be found on the website about the February 29 online informational meeting. The discounted Ed Leadership program is completely online and is a collaboration between the EW Teacher Center and Hunter College.

Meaningful Race Conversations

Policy Board member, Melissa Iamonic, will be facilitating two book studies – one in February and one in the spring. These book studies are being funded by the EW Teacher Center and will only be open to consortium members. Melissa spoke about the book studies and the importance of having meaningful conversations with students. Melissa asked the board to share the course information and links which can be found on our website.

Science Conference

Sleepy Hollow High School will be hosting a Science Conference on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 - 2:30. The Teacher Center is one of the sponsors and has been involved in the planning, advertising and registration of this conference. Please share these links with colleagues and ask interested participants to register on our website since the current registration is low. The conference fee is \$50 but is being waived for Tarrytown teachers.

DEI Book Study

Policy Board chairperson, Michelle Kaczmarek, spoke about her final DEI book study of the school year in April. These book studies have been well received and each has been filled to capacity. There are only a couple spots available for April so please ask interested teachers to enroll as soon as possible.

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

The Lower Hudson Teacher Center Network will be offering PLO for all TC members in the regional area. All course links are all listed on our website.

Quorum Discussion

Lori mentioned that it is getting harder and harder to get a quorum for our Policy Board meetings. Many teachers have school or district meetings after school and others have childcare commitments. She asked the members to think about what day and what time works best as we plan for next year's meeting schedule. Any members, who are unable to commit to in-person attendance for the 2024-25 school year, should let the Teacher Center know. We will then ask the local union president to find a replacement before we submit next year's continuation application.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm - *Respectfully submitted by Theresa Gallucci*

