



Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester
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Policy Board Minutes

Present:

Lori D'Andrea, Susan Farrell, Anita Ferreri, Charles Fritz, Theresa Gallucci, Nina Geller, Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek, Jean O'Brien, Barbara C. Scaros, Rocco Varuolo, Lisa Watson, Dr. Shelley Wepner

Lisa Watson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

New Business

New Teacher Center Webinar Program

Barbara outlined the protocols to follow to access one or more of the ten (10) webinars the Teacher Center purchased as a Pilot program. PB Members suggested some minor changes to the "draft" webinar application form and agreed to log on to at least one of the webinars and provide feedback as to its content and usefulness. A suggestion was made to link a brief description of the webinar to each of the ten topics and to clearly specify the webinar timeline on our new website. At the end of the three month period, the Teacher Center and the Policy Board will evaluate the level of teacher interest, along with their summative comments, to see if this is an efficient use of teacher center grant money.

Celia Keenholtz Award

Barbara provided Policy Board members with background information about Celia, a former Greenburgh technology teacher and Teacher Center technology advisor, and described how the award came to be. Friends and colleagues of Celia suggested the Grant to her honor her memory and her commitment to supporting technology embedded classrooms.

Budget Update

Barbara urged policy board members to inform their colleagues about for Teacher Center funding. This will once again be a difficult budget year and it is important that legislators hear from their constituents. The February newsletter was distributed which included the address for the NYSUT website and the necessary steps to register support for Teacher Centers. Members were asked to log on to the website as often as possible. The Teacher Center will share the link every Monday as a reminder as a reminder to consortium teachers.

Barbara mentioned that she and Susan would be attending The Committee of 100 in Albany on Tuesday, March 5 and would, at that time, be speaking to local legislators about inclusion of

Teacher Center funding in the 2013-14 fiscal budget. Immediately following Lobby Day, she and Susan would be attending the statewide Teacher Center Spring Symposium.

Distinguished Lecture Series

Barbara invited everyone to attend the Lecture Series with Commissioner John King at Manhattanville on March 20. Registration information is available in the February newsletter and on the Teacher Center website.

APPR Workshop

Barbara shared her thoughts on the recent APPR Workshop which over 25 teachers attended in January. She also offered to facilitate an abbreviated workshop for any interested school or district. She will share information and handouts from the January workshop at the next policy board meeting in April.

New Teacher Center Website

Jean O'Brien, Tarrytown Policy Board member, and Theresa Gallucci, Teacher Center Admin Assistant, unveiled the new Teacher Center website. They took members through the various links and answered all questions. The website should be operational by the week of February 18 and will include a link for user feedback.

A motion was made by Lisa Watson to adopt the new website as was and seconded by Shelley Wepner. The motion was carried unanimously.

Our next meeting will be on April 16, 2013.

Motion to adjourn by Charles Fritz. All agreed.
Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Gallucci.