



## **The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

### **Policy Board Minutes**

**Present:**

Jessica Bauer, Jeannemarie Cregan, Michelle Kaczmarek, Megan Lasky, Kristie Martinez, Christine Metrinko, Jean O'Brien, Linda Palumbo, Elizabeth Pineda, Carlos Ramirez, Katherine Tovar, Jaclyn Warren, Shelley Wepner

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

**Members Absent:** Sheila Ahern, Cora Carey, Cheryl Joseph, Maureen Lindner, Randie Shaw, Bettina Spargo

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

**Introductions:**

Lori welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

**Budget Amendment**

Lori then turned the budgetary part of the meeting over to Susan Farrell. Susan reviewed the budget amendment and explained the reason for the proposed budget code transfers.

Code 15 - increase budget line (\$2,500) to fund the New Teacher and Mentor Programs

Code 16 - decrease budget line (\$5,700) due to restructuring of staff hours

Code 40 - increase contractual line (\$4,594) to fund PD initiatives

Code 45 - decrease supplies line (\$749) less office supplies were needed

Code 46 - decrease travel line (\$1,130) staff did not travel to statewide meetings

Code 80 - increase benefits line (\$414) to coincide with increase with Code 15

Code 90 - increase budget line (\$71) to account for increase from 3.1 to 3.2% \*

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Linda Palumbo to approve the proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Shelley Wepner.

### **Professional Development**

The Teacher Center is offering free inservice courses to our consortium members. Lori asked the three Policy Board Members to share their information on the classes they will be offering. Social Comprehension Skills - Michelle Kaczmarek which is running twice, once in March and a second section in April for the Lower Hudson Teacher Center Network (LTCN). Interactive Online Teaching -Kristie Martinez is running in April and will have a second section in May. A Book Study: The Burnout Cure - Learning to Love Teaching Again in May is being facilitated by Linda Palumbo.

### **Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS)**

Lori informed the Policy Board Members that the Edith Winthrop Teacher Center is partnering with WJCS on workshops to support educators during the pandemic. These workshops are available on Zoom for free and that they can be used towards CTLE Hours.

### **DASA**

The Teacher Center is offering a 6-hour Online DASA Workshop. This workshop will be both asynchronous and synchronous. Members were asked to share this information (which is on the Teacher Center website) with their colleagues.

### **Lower Hudson Initiatives**

- 2 hour Workshop on Closing the Equity Gap- February 25
- Leveraging Partnerships To Promote Justice, Meaningful Change & Social Action March 22 (Zoom)
- 2th Annual Early Childhood Conference - March 25 (Virtual). There is a \$25 fee for this conference. Lori told the Policy Board Members that the Edith Winthrop Teacher Center would pay the registration fee for any consortium member who would like to attend.
- Comprehensive & Innovative Art Programs offered through NYSTC
- VCS - Social Work CEUs 2 hr. Online Training March 25

### **Manhattanville College**

Lori D'Andrea asked Shelley Wepner, Dean of Education at Manhattanville College, to share information on the virtual professional development workshops available at the college.

### **Westchester Teacher Center Institute**

Spring and Summer course offerings have been entered on My Learning Plan. We will continue to update as classes are submitted and vetted. Course information is available on our website [www.ewteachercenter.com](http://www.ewteachercenter.com). She asked them to share this information with their colleagues.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm  
Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
*Respectfully submitted by Theresa Gallucci*