



The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester
June 3, 2014
4:00 – 5:30p.m.

Policy Board Minutes

Present:

Ross Abrams, Rafael Bencosme, Lori D’Andrea, Susan Farrell, Anita Ferreri, Charles Fritz, Theresa Gallucci, Jean O’Brien, Mary Ann Penzero, Barbara Scaros, Rocco Varulo, Ruth Steinberg, Lisa Watson, Shelley Wepner

Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm by Charles Fritz.

New Business–

Barbara Scaros advised the members that Teacher Centers received the same funding from NYSED as last year. However, no *Teaching is the Core* monies have been allocated to Teacher Centers for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Barbara gave an overview of the programs that took place this year through the Teacher Center grant and the *Teaching is the Core* grant, including the Peer Coaching Program, collaboration between the Lower Hudson Teacher Center Network and NYSUT-ELT. More than 75 teachers from the Lower Hudson Region participated in this program. To extend the understanding of this program, the Teacher Center invited NYSUT to an Assistant Superintendents’ meeting this past spring. After hearing how the program could benefit their teachers, the Administrators agreed to work with the peer coaches to find ways to utilize these skills in their schools and districts beginning in the fall of 2014. The Teacher Center is working with NYSUT to provide follow up work with the participants either in the summer or in the fall, or both

Proposed Teacher Center Grant –

Barbara shared with the Board a draft of the 2014-2015 Teacher Center Grant. She focused on key programs that were implemented during the course of the year.

After review and discussion, Charles Fritz made a motion to accept the Grant. Ross Abrams seconded it and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

Teacher Center Proposed Budget –

The proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year was shared with the Policy Board Members and a motion was made by Charles Fritz to accept the budget; it was seconded by Ruth Steinberg and carried unanimously.

Network Professional Development –

Technology will be a big focus beginning this summer. There will be over 50 free workshops offered in the various schools and districts beginning June 30. The workshops offered are in response to a Needs Survey that was completed by teachers in the consortium this year. The workshops are being offered to teachers in Grades K-12 in increments of 3 - 15 hours and will be facilitated by members of NYTEN and experienced consortium technology teachers.

Susan Farrell distributed the list of summer course offerings and highlighted the CCLS ones that were being offered at no cost to our members.

The Teacher Center continues in collaborating with Manhattanville College on the Educational Leadership Program and is in discussion with NYIT about an Instructional Technology program.

Policy Board Certificates–

Each board member who attended at least three (3) policy board meetings this year was presented with a certificate of appreciation entitling them to one, 15-hour in-service course for serving on our board. Barbara and Susan thanked them for their time and commitment to the program.

Next Year's Tentative Calendar Dates –

Policy Board meeting dates for the 2014-2015 school year will be as follows:

September 30, 2014

November 18 (if needed)

December 9, 2014

February 10, 2015

April 7, 2015

June 2, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Gallucci