



The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester

May 19, 2020

Policy Board Minutes

Present:

Sheila Ahern, Cheryl Joseph, Michelle Kaczmarek, Megan Lasky, Maureen Lindner, Kristie Martinez, Christine Metrisko, Jean O'Brien, Linda Palumbo, Betina Spargo, Jaclyn Warren, Shelley Wepner

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

Members Absent: Ross Abrams, Jessica Bauer, Cora Carey, Jeannemarie Cregan, Tara Fishler

Quorum: Yes

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

Introductions:

Lori welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She asked the Policy Board members how they were doing, how their teachers were handling remote teaching and how the Teacher Center can assist teacher members with digital tools this summer.

Proposed Teacher Center Grant and Budget

Lori updated the Board on the level of Teacher Center funding for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Continuation Application Grant was shared and discussed with all members. Susan reviewed the FS-10 form with the members, line by line (code by code), and answered all budget related questions. At the conclusion of the presentation, a motion was made by Linda Palumbo to approve the Continuation Application Grant along with the proposed budget as outlined below. The motion was seconded by Shelley Wepner and was approved by all voting members.

Proposed Budget: Code 15 - \$22,500; Code 16 - \$14,000; Code 40 - \$24,500;
Code 45 - \$1,600; Code 46 \$1,388; Code 80 - \$8,721; Code 90 - \$2,254.

In addition to the NYS TC grant, the Center continues to receive an annual contribution from our districts and unions to design customized programs tailored to each districts' needs.

Free Technology Courses

Lori shared with the Policy Board that the Teacher Center, in response to the changing teaching landscape, offered six technology courses (15 hours each) to our consortium members with over 175 participants. She informed the members that Kristie Martinez, Policy Board member, taught Flipgrid and Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning and Jean O'Brien, Policy Board member, taught Google Classroom and Smart Learning Suite. The EWTC also collaborated with our regional network partners to offer two sessions of a Digital Tools class. The course evaluations were very favorable and our teachers were appreciative of our quick response. Based on the evolving needs of our members and the needs expressed in these evaluations, the Teacher Center will continue to design and offer digital tools workshops and classes.

Free Online EWTC Courses

Lori informed the group that the Teacher Center is offering free online courses this summer. Specific information can be found in our monthly newsletter, on our website and on social media. Michelle Kaczmarek, our Policy Board Chairperson, will be offering this June and, hopefully again later in the year: *NYS Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework*. Michelle described the 2020-21 implementation and how it would provide a framework for multi-cultural aspects for curriculum and Social Justice and emphasized the importance of this work. Michelle will also be offering two (2) Book Study classes this summer focusing on the same topic. Linda Palumbo, Policy Board member, is offering a Book Study course and an Inservice class on teaching and engaging students living in poverty. Christine Metrisko, Policy Board member, is offering *Teaching the Exceptional Child: An Introduction to Special Education* and Lori D'Andrea is offering *Look Who's Talking: Accountable Talk in the Classroom*.

Professional Development Mentor Program

The Teacher Center will be offering the year-long Mentor Program beginning on August 27. This course, which is only open to teachers from the Edith Winthrop Teacher Center, will also include two follow up meetings, one in the Fall and one in the Spring (dates to be determined at the first session). There will be an additional 5 hours of online coursework.

Policy Board Meetings for 2020-21

September 29, 2020

December 1, 2020

February 23, 2021 (Google Meet)

May 11, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm - *Respectfully submitted by Theresa Gallucci*

