



Edith Winthrop Teacher Center

Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2023 @ 4:00PM
Richard J Bailey School

Members Present: Sheila Ahern, Dory Brown, Melissa Iamónico, Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek, Kristie Martinez, Christine Metrisko, Cristina Moccia, Jean O'Brien, Maria Rudolph, Bettina Spargo, Katherine Tovar, Jaclyn Warren

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

Members Absent: Megan Lasky, Jenice Mateo-Toledo, Michael McCoy, Diamond Brown, Dr. Robert Feirsen

Quorum: Yes

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

Introduction:

Lori D'Andrea welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The Teacher Center Bylaws and the upcoming meeting dates were distributed to the Policy Board outlining their Roles and Responsibilities and the components of the Open Meeting Law.

Budget Amendment Vote

A motion was made to approve the budget amendment that was signed by our LEA and sent to Albany in October for \$545. The indirect rate for our LEA decreased from 3.1% to 2.6%, which effectively reduced our grant by \$545. An amendment was needed to reinstate this specific amount. The transfer of \$545 from Code 90 (Indirect Cost) to Code 40 (Contractual) will be used for consortium-wide PLO to be facilitated by Tawn Turnesa, a consortium teacher, from January through May. The motion was made by Michelle Kaczmarek and seconded by Kristie Martinez. All members were in favor.

Grant Course Offerings - Lori and Susan shared information on the summer and fall offerings and updated members on the upcoming winter/spring programs.

SUMMER - The Teacher Center offered 12 inservice courses (at no cost) to consortium members

- \$13,455 of the union money
- \$31,721 of our state grant money
- Approximately 225 registered for these classes

FALL - DEI Book Studies - 28 teachers participated in this book study ending tomorrow and another 28 are registered for the book club starting on Monday, November 20.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

- (DEI) Book Club Series, Instructor:Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek
Winter/Spring Book Club, [January 29 - March 22](#)
Spring Book Club, [April 8 - May 24](#)
- Online: You Matter! Instructor: Tawn Turnesa, [January 4 - May 30](#)

Program Planning for Winter/Spring- Lori asked PB Members to discuss with their respective districts what professional development opportunities they would like to see for Spring/Summer.

Hunter Program [Information Session](#) January 11th via Zoom

Free Extension Series -[Online Students with Disabilities Extension Series](#): Gr. 5&6
January - February 14, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m. Minutes submitted by Susan Farrell

