



The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester

October 2, 2018
Policy Board Minutes

Present:

Sheila Ahern, Lori D'Andrea, Susan Farrell, Theresa Gallucci, Michelle Kaczmarek, Kristie Martinez, Christine Metrisko, Jean O'Brien, Linda Palumbo, Katherine Tovar, Jaclyn Warren

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

Introductions:

All members introduced themselves and new members were welcomed.

Teacher Center Funding

Susan Farrell reported that The Teacher Center received State funding (\$74,963) and gave a summary of how the monies were allocated and how they have been spent to date.

District Budgets

We continue to receive funding from our districts and their unions and will continue to use these monies to design programs tailored to district and school needs. We will also expand and continue programs that were successfully implemented last year.

Professional Development Programs for 2018-19

Lori informed the board members that work had begun with our consortium districts. She had discussed that over 30 teachers from our consortium districts attended the 2-day *Leveled Literacy Training* on September 17th & 18th and a follow-up date will be held on January 15th. She also said that she and Michelle Kaczmarek, the Teacher Center Policy Board chairperson, are offering an LLI 15 hour Study Group for those participating teachers. Lori also shared that Dobbs Ferry offered a one-day *Do the Math* Training Workshop, Ardsley is working with IDE on training for non-tenured teachers, and Irvington is working with Bard College on Modeling and Coaching. She also shared that Elmsford and Greenburgh CSD have purchased *Leveled Literacy Kits* for their elementary secondary teachers. Tarrytown is using Wilson Language Foundations in Tier 1 and Tier 2 for Grades K-3 and Jean O'Brien, Policy Board member, offered Technology classes to Tarrytown teachers.

Lori and Susan gave the Board a recap of Teacher Center programs and thanked the members for sharing the information with their colleagues.

National Board Certification – Is open to all consortium members and beginning in October a new cohort will be beginning. Susan informed the members that the information can be found on our website or on MLP.

Professional Development Mentor Program The consortium Mentor Program began and there will be 3 follow up dates (October 11; December 11, and March 21). The information can be found on our website.

Professional Grants for Teachers Each year the Teacher Center offers a *Professional Development Grant* Program that allows teachers to implement innovative curriculum programs in their classroom. The policy board members were asked if this was a viable program and if it should be offered again in the 2018-19 school year. They concluded that teachers looked forward to designing new programs for their classroom. A maximum of seven (7) grants will be awarded and the program will be funded with union contributions. Project applications must include an itemized budget and teachers applying for these grants must indicate how students will benefit from these programs. Lori informed the members that we would need 3 grant readers. Michelle Kaczmarek, Christine Metrinko and Jaelyn Warren offered to be the readers.

Westchester Teacher Center Institute Classes Course offerings were distributed for fall. Enrollment has been low. We will be working on sending out flyers and including all courses in our Newsletters. The website is continuously updated so that is a great resource for interested teachers.

Susan Farrell motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jean O'Brien seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm
Our next meeting is December 4, 2018
Respectfully submitted by Theresa Gallucci