

Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Library System
Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, March 16, 2023, 8:30 – 9:30am
SCLS Blue Room and ZOOM

Present

In Person

Theresa Ameres
Krystle Barnett
Luisa Reichardt
Darla Salva-Cruz
Melissa Tunstead
Carl Vitevitch

Zoom

Patricia McCabe
Katie McIntyre
Fabio Montella
Jacqueline Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Chairperson Theresa Ameres,

Voting Items

Minutes from the December 14, 2022 Council Meeting were distributed previously and approved via email.

Discussion Items

1) The Liaison Meeting Evaluation, December 14, 2022, was reviewed.

Highlights from the Evaluation

- “The hands on activity was fun.”
- “I enjoyed having the opportunity to play with the I-Robots. It was fun, but also frustrating. My partner and I had difficulty getting the I-Robot to do what we commanded it to do.”
- “I really enjoyed being able to actually use the Root robot. This definitely helped me see how I could meaningfully embed it to our MS & HS curriculum.”
- “I haven’t used Breakout boxes so I enjoyed seeing the complexity of the locks and trying to figure out the answers. In the past, I thought they were too complex for my K-3 students, but after this session I think I can easily adapt them to work with my little guys.”
- “Engaging speaker. Engaging product. I have used Breakouts before, but I like all the additional resources.”

- “It’s been sometime since I ran a Breakout Edu session, so it was nice to hear from Adam that I don’t have to buy an all new kit, but that I can upgrade by adding new locks, keys, etc. Adam spoke about the online games they offer as well which I wasn’t familiar with, so I’m happy to know about that option. I will be comfortable reaching out to Adam with questions.”
 - “I loved this session, I would love to get breakout edu into my school. I think the students would love it!”
 - “I loved doing the maker space activities. They were so simple that I may use them with my students who have been working on circuits through Snap Circuits and Squishy Circuits already. I think if they saw how easy it is to create a circuit with paper a battery some fabric tape and a clip it would really be a great comparison for them.”
 - “This was my favorite part of the day. I enjoyed creating the circuits and it was easy to have success at it. I would definitely purchase the materials to make circuits with my third grade classes. I think they would love it!”
 - “I thought that the session (even though via Zoom) felt very hands-on and in-person. The presenter created opportunities for learning and expanding tech creativity in the classroom.
- 2) Council members’ ideas for future Liaison Meetings or Library Leadership Academies are most welcome.
 - 3) Mr. Vitevitch shared that on 4/28/23 Academies will be presented, one on bibliotherapy and the other on digital literacy standards. In addition, a program on ChatGBT is forthcoming.

Budget Status

The following financial data were shared with the group; Mr. Vitevitch provided context and further explanation.

- 1) Library Automation Co-Ser 508
 - 44 districts plus 2 non-public schools ~ Ross School and St. John the Baptist participate
 - Current Financial Status: Revenue \$531,409.00 (last year \$565,162.74)
 - Renewal of services will be going out in March for review

2) Library Services/Media Co-Ser 516

- Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) listed on Shared Services Response Pages at \$10.34 per student in grades 3-12. 2023-2024 will have a 1.92% increase
- 47 districts plus 2 non-publics, Huntington UFSD, Babylon UFSD, and Smithtown CSD in Western Suffolk participate
- Digital Media Library (DML) was discontinued in the 2022-2023 school year. Resources are now being offered as supplementals or weeded.
- Current Financial Status: Revenue \$2,563,288.00 (last year \$2,200,862.85)
- Renewal of services will be going out in March for review

Mr. Vitevitch indicated that database pricing information has been sent out to liaisons; this should be helpful to districts as they prepare their budgets.

3) State Aid (F Codes)

- a. F860 – Operating Aid - Starting \$207,309.00; present balance \$23,072.23
- b. F868 – Supplemental Aid - Starting \$59,574.00; present balance is \$3,105.74
- c. F820 – Categorical Aid - Automation - Starting \$20,731.00; present balance \$0.00

4) 2023-2024 Budget

The New York State budget has an approval deadline of April 1, 2023.

Other Announcements

As of February 2, 2023, the School Library System Union Catalog contains 782,018 bibliographic records and 2,321,484 Item records.

Legislative Advocacy Day was held on February 28, 2023. Unfortunately, inclement weather affected attendance.

April is both School Library Month and National Poetry Month.

The following upcoming meetings and programs were announced. Mr. Vitevitch elaborated on several.

- 7) Follett Users' Group Meeting
April 27, 2023 ~ Zoom
- 8) OPALS Users' Group Meeting
April 26, 2023 ~ SCLS Training Room

- 9) Council Meeting
May 19, 2023, 8:30 – 9:30 am, SCLS Blue Room or via Zoom
- 10) Liaison Meeting
May 19, 2023, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, SCLS Auditorium - Shannon McClintock Miller. Ms. McClintock is a national speaker.
- 11) Library Leadership Academy
Updates can be found here: <https://www.esbores.org/Page/1683>
 - March 20, 2023 Civil Rights on Long Island (Zoom)
 - March 21, 2023 ClickView (Zoom)
 - March 28, 2023 Information Privilege and Equity LILRC (Zoom)
 - April 18, 2023 Chat GPT Challenges (Zoom)
 - April 25, 2023 Consider the Source for School Librarians (SCLS Auditorium)
 - April 28, 2023 Equipping Librarians to Foster Digital Literacy (SCLS Auditorium)
 - April 28, 2023 Bibliotherapy (SCLS Auditorium)
 - May 4, 2023 But I Don't Speak Spanish (SCLS Auditorium)
 - May 9, 2023 Building a Culture of Reading LILRC (Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.