

EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM
COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.
SCLS Blue Room or Remote via Zoom

Present

In Person

Alexandria Hiam
Carl Vitevitch
Casey Veit
Darla Salva Cruz
Donna Guiffre
Fabio Montella
Luisa Reichardt
Melissa Tunstead
Theresa Ameres

Via Zoom

Jacqueline Wilson
Katie McIntyre

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

The group was welcomed by Mr. Carl Vitevitch, who noted that this was the first in-person meeting in two years.

2. Ms. Ameres called the groups attention to the updated member information and SLS Council Responsibilities sheet provided in the meeting's member packet and emailed to members in advance of the 18th.

Ms. Ameres welcomed two new members, who were approved at the May 13, 2022 Council meeting.

- a) Casey Veit (replacing Melanie Ash)
- b) Jacqueline Wilson (replacing Daniene Byrne)

3. Mr. Vitevitch provided an update on the ongoing search for an Educational Technology Coach (ETC), formerly titled Teacher Integration Specialist. The position is listed on the SLS LibGuides. Until such time as this full-time position is filled, SLS is interested in hiring someone to conduct individual sessions. Mr. Vitevitch is reaching out to retired librarians in particular, as they might be interested in this limited commitment.

VOTING ITEMS

4. Theresa "Tippy" Ameres was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson.
5. Ms. Ameres introduced the SLS Annual Report 2021-2022, provided in the meeting packet and distributed prior to the meeting via email.

Mr. Vitevitch reviewed the annual report process for the benefit of new members.

Ms. Ameres called for a vote on approval; the report was approved unanimously.

6. Ms. Ameres introduced the budgets for 2022-2023. These were provided in the meeting packet and distributed prior to the meeting via email.
 - a) SLS Operating Aid (860) - \$207,309.00
 - b) SLS Supplemental Aid (868) - \$59,574.00
 - c) Categorical Aid for Automation (820) - \$20,731.00

Mr. Vitevitch reviewed the budget process for the benefit of new members and commented that we are doing well.

In response to a question, there was some discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and school libraries. The allotment received by the Long Island School Library Systems was used to purchase a shared e-book collection through Overdrive. Items for the collection were selected using the state's Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework <http://www.nysed.gov/crs/framework>. The collection is called **LI Students Read** and districts must opt-in to access these titles.

Ms. Ameres called for a vote on approval; the report was approved unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Ms. Ameres indicated that the "Welcome Back" packet with 2022-2023 SLS Calendar was sent out to every school librarian. Mr. Vitevitch stressed the importance of participating in the listserv to keep up to date.
8. Mr. Vitevitch reached out to Council for ideas to consider for future Liaison Meetings or Library Leadership Academy Workshops. It was suggested that we invite Shannon McClintock Miller (<https://vanmeterlibraryvoice.blogspot.com/>) as a speaker.

Mr. Vitevitch indicated that Melanie Keller has put many programs together by reaching out to vendors. Currently, there are close to 45 total sessions scheduled for the year.

Ms. Wilson complimented SLS on the number and breadth of SLS's offerings.

9. Ms. Ameres announced the following Council Meetings for 2022-2023 (8:30 – 9:30 a.m., SCLS Blue Room or Remote via Zoom)
 - a) Wednesday, December 14, 2022
 - b) Thursday, March 16, 2023
 - c) Friday, May 19, 2023
10. Ms. Ameres announced the following Liaison Meetings for 2022-2023 (8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., SCLS Auditorium)
 - a) Wednesday, December 14, 2022
 - b) Thursday, March 16, 2023
 - c) Friday, May 19, 2023

11. Ms. Ameres reviewed final expenditures (as of September 12, 2022)

- a) SLS Operating Aid - rollover \$33,766.00
- b) SLS Supplemental Aid - rollover \$701.00
- c) Categorical Aid for Automation - rollover \$0.00

Mr. Vitevitch explained that state monies can be rolled over for one year. Monies rolled over from last year were used to update the database **CQ Researcher**.

12. Ms. Ameres reviewed Co-Ser monies (as of September 12, 2022)

- a) Library Automation (Co-Ser 508) – includes Overdrive - Anticipated Revenues: \$495,395.80
- b) Library Services/Media (Co-Ser 516) - Anticipated Revenues: \$2,434,417.00

Mr. Vitevitch indicated that SLS is interested in expanding the supplemental database offerings. He also indicated that **Discovery Education** and **Learn 360** are now supplementals.

Ms. Ameres shared her school's experience with **Swank**, a movie and television licensing service.

13. Ms. Ameres shared the SLS 2021-2022 Evaluation, which was provided in the meeting packet and distributed prior to the meeting via email.

14. Mr. Vitevitch pointed out that the Long Island School Library System Fall Institute (November 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Hauppauge) and shared the agenda on screen. He indicated that there will be approximately 160 attendees.

15. The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Ameres at 9:33 a.m.