

**Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Library System  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Friday, May 19, 2023 ~ 8:30 – 9:30 am**

**SCLS Blue Room or Remote via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

1) Welcome by Theresa Ameres, Chairperson.

**VOTING ITEMS:**

2) Council Members Term Expiring

- First Term (has agreed to serve a second term, pending Council approval)
  - a. Fabio Montella
- First Term (will not be serving a second term)
  - a. Francesca Artuti
- Second Term
  - a. Theresa Ameres
  - b. Susan Sclafani

3) New Council Members (pending Council approval)

- Amy Jo Southworth, School Library Media Specialist, Bay Shore High School ~ replacing Theresa Ameres
- Meghan Bishop, School Library Media Specialist, Hampton Bays Middle School ~ replacing Susan Sclafani

4) New Council Chairperson

- Alexandria Hiam (replacing Theresa Ameres)



**5) Preliminary Budget (pending)**

- **2023 NYS Library Aid: \$99.6M for 2023/2024 (stays the same)**

**6) Minutes from March 16, 2023 Council Meeting (attached)**

Already approved via email

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**6) Status of Co-Sers:**

**a) Library Automation Co-Ser 508**

- 1. 42 districts plus two non-public schools ~ Ross School and St. John the Baptist participate**
- 2. Current financial status: Revenue \$ 542,085.00 (last year \$ 565,502.74)**

**b) Library Services/Media Co-Ser 516**

- 1. Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) listed on Shared Services Response Pages at \$10.54 per student in grades 3 -12 ~ (this amount includes a 1.97% increase for 2023-2024)**
- 2. 48 districts plus two non-publics, Huntington UFSD, Babylon UFSD, and Smithtown CSD in Western Suffolk participate in Co-Ser 516**
- 3. Current financial status: Revenue \$ 2,567,271.00 (last year \$ 2,055,890.30)**

**7) Participation Fees for CoSer 508 for 2023-2024:**

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| <b>1 – 600</b>      | <b>\$1,169.85</b> |
| <b>601 – 2000</b>   | <b>1,954.20</b>   |
| <b>2001 – 5000</b>  | <b>2,635.50</b>   |
| <b>5001 – 8000</b>  | <b>3,90.30</b>    |
| <b>8001 – 11000</b> | <b>3,902.30</b>   |
| <b>11001 – plus</b> | <b>4,589.50</b>   |

**OTHER**

**8) Liaison/Program Meeting Evaluation from the March 16, 2023 meeting (attached)**

**Highlights from the Evaluation**

- “It was thought provoking. I enjoyed hearing about how well it worked for the presenters, along with the challenges.”
- “Conversations around the table added to learning. Grateful to hear many points of view.”
- “It was very helpful and lots of great conversation was had. I would recommend doing this again.”

- “Liked the experience of the VR headsets. Definitely better than what was available through Google Expeditions. Will be looking into their VR catalog.”
- “This was interesting and I hope to one day be able to borrow a class set of their VR headsets. They could be useful for a wide variety of lessons and would be a great tool in allowing our students to get a feel for college campuses.”
- “I loved using their virtual reality glasses. These have great educational potential, and I would very much like to use these in my teaching.”
- “Jennifer and Jacquelyn explained the AP Seminar/Research program and all the requirements "Do's & Don'ts" that an instructor/teacher must follow for a successful course. I was happy to hear that Melanie Keller is there to assist/help get hard to find journal articles, provided that she is provided with the abstract.”
- “Both librarians were informative and passionate about their work. It was eye opening to see everything that goes into teaching AP Seminar and Research. We have a teacher on the Ross side who brought AP Seminar to our school this year and I'm thankful to have additional insight as to how to best support her.”
- “GREAT conversation about the AP Capstone program. Interesting to hear how different school districts approach the course and what types of resources are out there.”
- “This session taught me a great deal about PebbleGo and what it offers students. I look forward to utilizing PebbleGo in my classroom instruction.”
- “I enjoy hearing about the new products Capstone is offering. As a K-2 librarian, I use a lot of their products.”
- “This was one of the best liaison meetings I've attended! I truly enjoyed Melissa and Gina's presentations and I could have listened to them all day. I love having actionable ideas to bring back to school and love to see the creative ways to incorporate SEL. We work with a fabulous, inspiring group of people and these meetings help me feel less alone in the vast world of school librarianship. Thank you.”

**9) SLS 2022-2023 Evaluation will be going out on the listserv**

**[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Preview/?sm=Jzzw\\_2BGYZpRbIjlfQNnKS\\_2B46B3JEMKr8VVqSqX\\_2F3oXswYaQmYMwOmYc5Wt6wegGsa](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Preview/?sm=Jzzw_2BGYZpRbIjlfQNnKS_2B46B3JEMKr8VVqSqX_2F3oXswYaQmYMwOmYc5Wt6wegGsa)**

**10) Council ideas to consider for future Liaison Meetings or Library Leadership Academies**

**11) 2023-2024 SLS Council Meeting Dates (8:30 – 9:30 am – SCLS Blue Room or Remote via Zoom)**

- **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**
- **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**
- **Thursday, March 7, 2024**
- **Friday, May 17, 2024**