Council members in attendance: Ellen Pristash, Monica Norton, Michele Barone, Heather Turner, Kay Budmen, Doreen Bergman, RJ DeLisle, Linda Llewellyn

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Approval – March 11th Council meeting minutes Ellen Pristash motioned to approve the minutes from the March Council meeting and Heather Turner seconded.

III. System Topics

- Summer Professional Development Opportunities
  - May 27th Librarians as Lead Learners & Collaborators will be working on Bridging the Gap. We will collaborate with our local academic librarians on bridging the gap both ways.
  - July 14th Teaching with Primary Sources with Dr. John Lee and David Hicks will look at primary sources and strategies to embedded those into inquiry process
  - August 3-4: Carol A Kearney Education Leadership Institute is entitled School Librarians: Deeply Embedded- Fully Collaborative there will be 5 scholarships available
  - August 3-5: PBL NY will feature inspiring keynotes, engaging workshops, and practical advice about all aspects of Project-Based Learning.
  - August 18-19th: Practical Strategies for Using the IFC (one day for elementary, one for secondary). More details will be available soon.

- Update on Union Catalog- The updated Union will streamline the ILL process and offer a live Union for all schools regardless of the automation system. Mandarin has been very receptive to our suggestions, but due to the roll out of M5, their new interface, there will be a slight delay. We should be live in January with a soft roll out of a few districts beforehand.

- Plan of Service Highlights 2015: We are trying to support all of our students, as well as the different departments in BOCES. View the highlights here.

- 2015-16 Budget: Each year the council must approve the budget for the SLS Grant funds provided through Department of Library Development. Motion to approve made by Heather seconded by Cay. Mary Gotham, asked about the budget in regards to the decrease of staff. Doreen discussed that we will continue to offer grants and regional purchases. The motion was approved.

- Mini-Grants for 2015-16: We are reformatting the structure of the application process for the mini grants. The number of mini-grants will be announced and can be used for conference and workshop attendance as well as other library projects and initiatives. There will be the expectation that those individuals who are awarded grants will share what they learn at a CC meeting or other collaborative event. The application should be available on SLS website this June.

- Teaching with Primary Sources Grant: An Inquiry Approach to PBL. Teams are being formed now, please let Doreen know if you are interested. The teams can be made up of a librarian and teachers of any subject not just social studies. Even though the grant was awarded by LOC, it is not limited to those primary sources. Grant funds will be used for professional development, conference attendance as well as field trips.

- End of the year announcements
• Sue: Catalog extracts will be performed if Sue has your catalog’s log on credentials. Please make her aware of anything you would like to have excluded when uploaded to the union.

• MaryAnn: If you are a non-Mandarin school your ILL stats are due.

• Laurie: Is available for summer visits. The annual survey will be forthcoming.

• Arlene: Nice job on the orders this year. Keep up the good work! There are a few contract adjustments that will have to be made this year and Arlene will contact those CCs directly. Also, please think about purchases for your 2016-2017 year. (Doreen suggested you look at your stats and examine if the products you are purchasing is getting the stats you would expect to see)

• Allie: Is available to assist you in creating your password protected webpages.

  o There were questions regarding the trends in ILL. There has been a slight decrease in ILL, but an increase in ELL. Much of this is due to the increase in access to econtent.

  o Kay asked if there was much interest in the eBook initiative. Doreen said unfortunately no. Only 3 districts bought in. There was some speculation that perhaps the message was lost in translation. More than one librarian stated that the access is not easy and is causing roadblocks for many students.

  o Communication Coordinators

   • The meetings are always open and you do not to be your districts CC to attend. The more voices at the table the better.

   • If you have been a CC member for a while please consider having someone else represent your district.

   • Those letters will be going out to the superintendents by the first of June.

   • Next year the meetings will be flipped! More of your impute and voices to foster collaboration.

  o Council

   • We will have two seats expiring and one seat available. Council members will receive a nomination forms next week.

• Save the Date!

  Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015 Greater CNY School Library Systems Annual Conference
  Shannon Miller will focus on student voice and choice!

• Professional Memberships

  o Doreen urges you to join your professional organizations. Much of what we are able to do is because of what these organizations do on our behalf.

  o NYLA/SSL

  o ALA/AASL

  o CNYSL – Update by Heather – Please register, there will be no cost for this year’s membership

• Upcoming events

  • Super Librarian Award: CNYSL is now accepting nominations, the deadline is May 30th.

  • Author and Awards Dinner on June 18th

IV. Meeting schedules 2014-15

CC Meetings:

  • Wednesday, September 23, 2015
  • Tuesday, November 4, 2015
  • Tuesday, January 12, 2016
  • Thursday, March 17, 2016
  • Wednesday, May 11, 2016 (Combined with Council)

Council Meetings

  • Wednesday, September 30, 2015
  • Tuesday, December 15, 2015
  • Wednesday, March 9, 2016
  • Wednesday, May 11, 2016 (Combined with Communication Coordinators)

Heather Turner motioned to adjourn, and seconded by Kay Budmen.