

Meeting minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 2:30 PM



West Irondequoit Teaching Learning Center

Policy Board Meeting

October 19, 2023

In person location for the TLC at 45 Cooper Road Rochester, NY

The meeting was called to order by C. Young at 3:32 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Jim Czadzeck

In attendance (at TLC): Steve Johnson, Jim Czadzeck, Matthew Sullivan, Taylor Lanham, Melissa Pollet-Swidorski, Michelle Flood, MaryAlice Behrens, Christina Miga, Jen Bonfanti, Juli Westrich, Corey Kurz, Rebecca Todd, Casey Wagner, Maria Behncke, Meg Calhan-Steckly

Absent: Janine Sciarabba, Amanda Tabor, Christine Baker-Marriage, Julie Pfenninger, Joshua Diselet, Maureen Elliot, Courtney Shouse,

Others Present: Cecilia Young, TLC Director

Topics:

Warm Welcome

- 1. Old Business:** (Quorum is 12 members, not including Cecilia)

The quorum **is** present.

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Motion to approve: Casey Wagner

Second: -Michelle Flood

All in favor: All

Motion carried/ not carried

2. Director's update

Professional learning communities update - 8 facilitators plus 1 for Savvy Ally and 1 for SLP, UDL-focused PLC. Let your buildings know that we have funds for even more PLCs (5 spots left for applications).

Motion to approve sending Michelle Flood to ASCD based on conference proposal from last year, commitment to professional learning, and membership on Policy Board. By Maria Behnke

Second by Julie Westrich

All in favor: All (except Michelle Flood)

Abstain: Michelle Flood

Motion carried/ not carried

NYSCATE conference applications- we had 1 full application so will send that person.

2 people applied after the deadline with a description. Person A could attend 1 day (11/20) and person B could attend 3 days. TLC budget only would allow for either person B to attend 3 days or person A and B to attend for 1 day each.

Policy Board members reviewed A and B descriptions and options and a third option was provided with support from district budget.

Motion to fund person B to attend for 3 days and ask all participants to provide a turnkey session to share their learning from the conference. (Tech budget will cover the 1 day person A)

Motion by Casey Wagner

Second by Meg Callahan

All in favor: All

Abstain: None

Motion carried/ not carried

Cecilia will be on leave until June 30.

Motion to appoint Jean Walsh temporally as the TLC director for 10 hours a week. This will use code 15 funds for professional staff to pay her and district funds will be used if more is needed.

Motion by Melissa Pollet-Swidorski

Second by Michelle Flood

All in favor: All

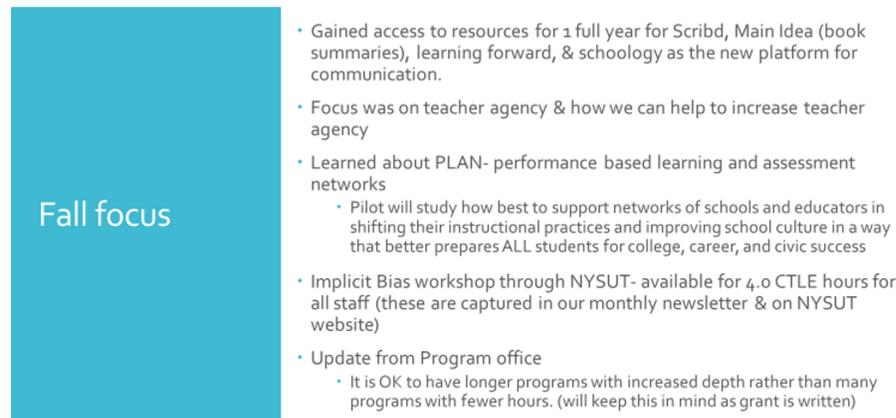
Abstain: None

Motion carried/ not carried

NYSTC Spring Symposium - Funding is available to send a second person: someone could attend or the funds could be reallocated. Melissa Pollet-Swidorski has indicated interest so the plan will be to have her and Steve Johnson (chair) attend the spring symposium.

3. Where have we been, where are we going?

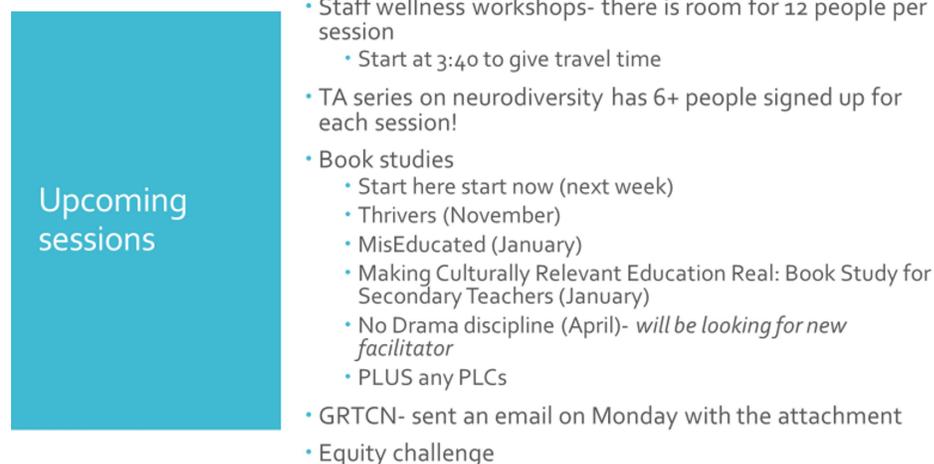
Fall Focus:

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Fall focus

- Gained access to resources for 1 full year for Scribd, Main Idea (book summaries), learning forward, & schoology as the new platform for communication.
- Focus was on teacher agency & how we can help to increase teacher agency
- Learned about PLAN- performance based learning and assessment networks
 - Pilot will study how best to support networks of schools and educators in shifting their instructional practices and improving school culture in a way that better prepares ALL students for college, career, and civic success
- Implicit Bias workshop through NYSUT- available for 4.0 CTLE hours for all staff (these are captured in our monthly newsletter & on NYSUT website)
- Update from Program office
 - It is OK to have longer programs with increased depth rather than many programs with fewer hours. (will keep this in mind as grant is written)

Upcoming sessions:

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Upcoming sessions

- PLCs- we still have 5 left! Please promote!
- Staff wellness workshops- there is room for 12 people per session
 - Start at 3:40 to give travel time
- TA series on neurodiversity has 6+ people signed up for each session!
- Book studies
 - Start here start now (next week)
 - Thrivers (November)
 - MisEducated (January)
 - Making Culturally Relevant Education Real: Book Study for Secondary Teachers (January)
 - No Drama discipline (April)- *will be looking for new facilitator*
 - PLUS any PLCs
- GRTCN- sent an email on Monday with the attachment
- Equity challenge

4. PL standards (part 2)

Exploration of Action Guides for standards for professional learning from Learning

Forward, based on specific roles. Sharing happened within role groups as well as with the larger group

5. What is a policy board/NYS Teacher Center

Meeting ended here as 4 people had to leave due to time constraints

6. Feedback/ good of the order

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at

Second by –

All in favor:

Motion carried/ not carried