

Minutes – 2/6/2014

Present: John Arcese, Peter Bellanti, Dana Besch, Joseph Borgisi, Paul Cary, Jen Cordon, Elizabeth Dunne, Sue Ellis, Lynn Fisher, Susan Frey, Lisa Graves, Greg Heer, Cheryl Keller, Nancy Lalley, Kristin Overholt, Nicole Roberson.

Absent: Michael Capuana, Judi Roberson, Meri Tomasulo-Pello

Dana Besch called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

Minutes: Dana Besch called for a motion to accept the 12/3/2013 minutes. Paul Cary made the motion to accept with corrections, 2nd by Sue Ellis. Motion carried.

Budget Report: Peter Bellanti – Balance in the 952 account as of 2/1/14 - \$25,028.50 plus monies carried over from the 2012-2013 year \$85,883.92 for a grand total of \$110,912.42 less expense monies. 862 (Grant monies) \$36,180.00.

Directors Report

Far West – Meeting was held on 2/2/14. Far West right now is focusing attention on contacting our area politician's in regards to monies for our Teacher Centers next year, making sure all teacher centers are on Albany's budget proposals for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Committee of 100 will be meeting in Albany and all Teacher Center directors will be in attendance.

State News – NYSTC Spring Symposium 2014 is being held on March 4th & 5th, 2014 in Albany. Guest Speakers to include Dr. John King, Commissioner SED and Maria Neira, NYSUT Vice President. Keynote speaker for Session #2 on 3/5/14 is Stephanie Hirsh, Executive Director, Learning Forward “The Impact of Professional Learning”. Far West directors have been asked to give a 15 minute presentation on either NYS Standards or Technology at this symposium.

Old Business

Our Teacher Center has implemented the use of the new regional course evaluation form which is running fairly well. One or two small problems are being worked on.

2014 Winter/Spring Course Proposals – Yoga for Students – This course is running but a new title is needed. Collegial Circle: APPR and Evaluations will be running with a change in description which should focus on Tips & Strategies. Word 2013: Apps for Office has been dropped. At this time no district is using Word 2013. RFP's for Summer and Fall 2014 classes should be going out sometime in March. Classes and rooms will be all set for May 29th meeting.

New Business

2013 Summer/Fall Course Breakdown

Registered	405
Attended	400
Percentage	99%
Workshops Offered	90
Ran	44
Workshops Cancelled	46
Percentage Ran	49%

2014 Winter/Spring Course Update – Courses are running. Some of course instructors have agreed to offer their courses at our component school districts and these courses have been scheduled and are on the calendar.

Teacher Center Inventory and Open House – Open House ran on Thursday, January 30th and will be running again on Thursday, February 6th. A number of items have been signed out by teachers. Any items taken are still the property of the Teacher Center since grants monies were used to purchase these items. Out of date material is to be thrown out, old equipment will be sent to storage. Videos and books left will be offered to BOCES lend lease library.

Committee Meetings – Committee's have not met yet as of this year. Should committee's meet at the March meeting?

May 8, 2014 meeting – This meeting has been moved to May 29, 2014 – Meeting will start at 12:30 pm at the Harkness Career & Technical Center.

Motion to Adjourn: Sue Ellis – 2nd by Lynn Fisher. All approved.

Next Meeting:

March 26, 2013

12:30 pm.

Depew District Offices – Staff Development Conference Room
Depew High School