

Minutes – 3/21/2013

Present: John Arcese, Peter Bellanti, Dana Besch, Joe Borgisi, Paul Cary, Jen Cordon, Lynne Crawford, Elizabeth Dunne, Sue Ellis, Lynn Fisher, Greg Heer, Cheryl Keller, Nicole Roberson, Heidi Salva, Meri Tomasulo-Pello.

Absent: Michael Capuana, Deb Cary, Lisa Graves, Nancy Lalley, Teresa Lawrence, Judi Roberson

Dana Besch called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

Minutes: Dana Besch called for a motion to accept the 1/31/13 minutes. Lynn Fisher made the motion to accept with corrections, 2nd by Cheryl Keller. Motion carried.

Budget Report: Peter Bellanti – Monies collected and deposited from classes between June 2012 – March 21, 2013 - \$41,119.74. CIP (952) Balance - \$69,691.38 862 (Grant) \$25,970.00. There should be approximately \$1,000.00 in unused supply and travel money which will need to be spent by end of year. Some office supplies are needed.

Directors Report

Far West– Members met at the Spring Symposium. Website is running. Far West courses were run and will again be offered next year.

State News – Spring Symposium held in March centered on Data Driven Dialogue, how the Teacher Center(s) use their data drive course offerings. Push is to work with non-public educational programs and higher education. We are working with UB's East Asian Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities, summer and fall courses will be offered thru the Buffalo Zoo.

Budget – Vote was being held today the 21st of March, hopefully the Teacher Centers will hear by the end of the day that the budget has been passed

Old Business

Teacher Center Representation Non-Public – Peter has been in contact with Principal at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School and Principal of St. Mary's Elementary.

Fall & Winter Courses – Still ongoing but winding down. With the courses that are left we will try to run as many courses as possible, but we do need at least 5 registered to run the classes.

Elementary Mathematic Workshops - 2 courses: Building Conceptual Knowledge in Mathematics Grades K-2 and Building Conceptual Knowledge in Mathematics Grades 3-5 have been voted on by members and will be offered May 9, 2013 and May 23, 2013, respectively, with the stipulation of allocating a number of seats for each district. Everyone agreed to offer classes for \$10 and 5 teachers per district and 5 non-public will be allowed with a waiting list. Instructors for this course: Andrea Tamarazio and Steven Graser.

The teacher center is also looking to do the same with ELA – in contact with Julie Lorusso and Kristen Marchiole.

New Business

Needs Assessment for 2013 – 2014 – Peter asked all members to look over the attached assessment. Members reviewed and asked for a number of changes. Said changes will be made and Peter will email everyone week of April 8, 2013 with a completion date of May 8, 2013. Incentive for teachers to complete – Possibly one free class to each member district, Peter will be running this by BOCES Finance Department to make sure we are able to offer this incentive.

NEH Clintons Ditch - Promoted class even though we didn't have much time to get it out there. Registration is closed.

NYS Teacher Center and NYIR Courses Contests – Peter reviewed materials with members.

Summer/Fall 2013 RFP – RFP's will be going out next week before spring break. Deadline will be May 3, 2013.

Next Meeting

May 9, 2013

Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus

Room – A-3 – Building A

8:30 – 11:00 am.