

Minutes – 4/29/2014

Present: John Arcese, Peter Bellanti, Dana Besch, Michael Capuana, Jen Cordon, Lynne Crawford, Sue Ellis, Lynn Fisher, Susan Frey, Greg Heer, Cheryl Keller, Nancy Lalley, Kristin Overholt, Judi Roberson

Absent: Joseph Borgisi, Deb Cary, Paul Cary, Elizabeth Dunne, Lisa Graves, Nicole Roberson and Meri Tomasulo-Pello

Dana Besch called the meeting to order at 12:39 pm.

Minutes: Dana Besch called for a motion to accept the 2/6/2014 minutes. Lynn Fisher made the motion to accept. 2nd by Judi Roberson. Motion carried.

Budget Report: Peter Bellanti – Balance in the 952 as of 4/27/2014 - \$37,052.50 plus monies carried over from the 2012-2013 year for a grand total of \$122,936.42 less expense monies. 862 (Grant monies) \$36,180.00.

Directors Report

Far West – Next meeting is being held on May 15, 2014. Program discussion will be covering Summer/Fall courses to be offered by the Far West groups. Focus is going to be on Teaching is the Core Grant. Members are also still focusing their time on the grant for 2014/2015.

State News – There is going to be a change in the state leadership, Gail Moon is retiring. Possible names mentioned are: Stephanie Wood-Garnet /Sandy Lake. No official word has been received as to who will be tasked to fill this position.

Annual State budget amount is 14.3 million. Teacher centers are waiting for commissioner approval of budget. Little less than 1% increase this year and for the 2014-2015 each center should be receiving approximately \$38,000.00 to \$39,000.00.

Old Business

2014 Winter/Spring final course update will be given at the May 29, 2014 meeting. Two remaining classes are running. In the past the Teacher Center would send out a reminder to all districts, listing all classes running for the month. This past year it was put on hold. Members have asked that we reinstate this reminder for 2014/2015 year.

Inventory/Open House - A number of items have been taken out by teachers. Some items have been moved to storage and nothing has been sent to the lend lease library yet.

May Policy Board Meeting – Next meeting will be held on May 29, 2014 at Depew High School, District Office Staff Development Conference Room.

New Business

2014 Summer/Fall RFP's - Due date for course proposals is May 9, 2014, a reminder will be sent out by May 2, 2014. Some of the same courses offered this past year are being run again and also we do have a number of new courses that will be offered.

Collegial Circles – A short discussion was held on study groups. Members agreed that group discussions with colleagues would be very beneficial. This would give teachers a chance to discuss an educational issue, develop new teaching strategies with teachers in your grade level or subject, improving a teaching technique with someone who is an expert. Other discussion points, who would be the facilitators, stipend for facilitators, how many teachers participating in a group, these are some of the questions which would have to be answered.

Peter Bellanti and Mike Capuana are meeting with Barb Mocarski, Erie 1 BOCES networking team on Thursday, May 1, 2014 to see what turnkey courses we can offer using E1B resources. Courses would be offered here at E1b or at our component districts. Information will be brought back at our next meeting.

2014-2015 Meeting Dates – Districts to let Peter Bellanti if dates are agreeable and the time they would like to meet.

Next Meeting:

May 29, 2014

12:30 pm.

Depew District Offices – Staff Development Conference Room
Depew High School