

Minutes – 5/29/2014

Depew District Offices – Staff Development Conference Room – Depew High School

Present: Peter Bellanti, Dana Besch, Michael Capuana, Paul Cary, Jen Cordon, Lynne Crawford, Elizabeth Dunne, Sue Ellis, Lynn Fisher, Susan Frey, Lisa Graves, Greg Heer, Cheryl Keller, Nancy Lalley, Judi Roberson, Nicole Roberson

Absent: Joseph Borgisi, Kristin Overholt, Meri Tomasulo-Pello

Dana Besch called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm.

Minutes: Dana Besch called for a motion to accept the April 29, 2014 minutes. Motion to accept: Sue Ellis, 2nd by Cheryl Keller. Motion carried.

Budget Report: Peter Bellanti – Balance as today's date, 5/29/2014 in the 952 account - \$84,685.14. 862 \$2,710.07

Directors Report

Far West meeting held on May 15, 2014. Members spent time on a grant writing session. Far West group and individual teacher centers must submit grant paperwork by June 16, 2014. Peter Bellanti is in the process of writing and submitting by the due date.

Far West is sponsoring the 2014 National Board Certification Awareness Session. Three different dates are being offered. Information will be forwarded to Elizabeth Dunn, Dana Besch and Lynn Fisher to forward out to their teachers.

Thursday, June 5, 2015 4:00-6:00 pm. - Buffalo Professional Development Teacher Center

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 9:00–10:30 am. – Erie-Catt Teacher Center

Monday, July 28, 2015 9:00-11:00 am. - Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center

State News – Gail Moon will be retired as of May 30, 2014. Since no one has been appointed to this position as of yet Stephanie Wood-Garnett is handling the responsibilities. Grant Continuing Application must be postmarked by June 16, 2014. EOY report is due on July 31, 2014

Old Business – 2014 – 2015 Meeting Dates – Lancaster is the only district who has confirmed date which is February 5, 2015. Other districts are to contact Peter Bellanti as soon as they confirm dates with their respective schools.

New Business

2014 Winter Spring Courses – Registered – 272/ Attended – 259/ Percentage 95%.

2013-2014 Summer Fall Courses – Registered – 405/Attended – 400/Percentage 99%

Grand total for year: Registered – 677/ Attended – 659/ Percentage 97%

2014 Summer and Fall RFP's/Course Approvals – Board members were given course proposals for winter-spring 2014. All courses were approved with some changes which Peter will be discussing with the individual instructors of said courses.

Far West will be offering thru the network 4 courses dealing with Teaching Is the Core Grant. They are:

1. Aims Math
2. Common Core Math Module Training
3. Flip Classroom Conference
4. Just Ask

Peter Bellanti and Mike Capuana have been working with Barb Mocarski of the E1B networking team, to offer courses on the State Ed Initiatives. Courses would be run by E1B personnel and offered at E1B or at our component districts. The E1B TEAM will provide the Policy Board and each district with available course options. Each district will be able to choose five (5) 3-hour courses from the Fall 2014 and five (5) more 3 hour courses during the Winter/Spring 2015 session. Each district would choose the courses they would like and where the courses will be held. Must have 15 participants to run courses. If there is low attendance districts who have chosen the same class could combine and run one class. Motion was made by Jen Cordon, 2nd by Paul Cary to offer these courses. Motion carried.

