Teacher Center Meeting – 3/14/18 at Lancaster Central Avenue School

Present: Paul Cary, Jaime Garver, Nancy Lalley, John Arcese, Elizabeth Dunne, Kristen Overholt, Colleen Schaefer, Elizabeth Freas, Meri Tomasulo-Pellow, Kristin Overholt, Greg Heer

Absent: Leeann Haj, Kelly Talbot, Cheryl Keller, Jen Cordon, Dana Besch, Susan Frey, Dave Hall, Nicole Roberson, Judi Roberson, Deb Cary

Nancy Lalley called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM

Two agenda items tabled for the next meeting due to not having enough board members to establish a quorum for approval:

* Review/Approval of December minutes
* Budget Report
* Director’s Report
* Far West Meeting – Focus on New learning Standards for the Arts. Two training sessions sponsored by the Far West Regional Teacher Center scheduled here at Erie 1 BOCES facilitated by State Ed. certified trainers:
	+ 4/10/18 - Music/Theater
	+ 6/5/18 - Media Arts/Visual Arts
* State TC Meeting – This meeting was cancelled due to the weather
* PDAC Committee Meeting – Google/Office 365 apps is the focus at Erie 1 BOCES,
	+ Specific workshops needed targeting instructional strategies for social workers
	+ A venue is needed for professional development offered through the Teacher Center
	+ Schoology is not supported by BOCES
* Old Business
* Approval of new higher education representative

 Kristen Overholt introduced Jim Cercone, an English Professor at Buffalo State College where he teaches both graduate and under graduate students. Jim has accepted the invitation to join the WNY Teacher Policy Board representing higher education.

* Event Planning
	+ Date – August 13 or August 20, 2018
	+ Speaker – Amanda Nickerson and Jon Perricone were two motivational speakers considered by the board. The board elected to go with Jon Perricone. He was deemed to have a wider appeal for both veteran and new teachers alike. He is highly recommended with a Zen philosophy “Elevating the Mission of Teaching”. Motion made by Greg Heer seconded by Colleen Schaefer. Motion carried
	+ His fee is $2500.00 plus expenses. Motion by Jamie Garver to use TC budget grant money to cover this. Motion seconded by Greg Heer. Motion carried.
	+ A suggestion was made for a possible follow up session with the keynote speaker facilitated through the Teacher Center
	+ Dana Besch participated in this portion of the meeting via phone conference so the quorum voting requirement could be met.
	+ Venue – The group favored Buffalo State as a possible venue for this event as opposed to a banquet facility such as The Creekside or the Grapevine. There should be sufficient parking where the new math and Science building is located. Facility cost may be free if it is co-sponsored between the WNY Network of English Teachers and Buffalo State College. Catering at Buffalo State is $11.49 per person for a buffet lunch. Another option would be to have participants do lunch “on their own”. The student association may have students on hand to assist with the event. Teachers from Buffalo State who have presented in the past may be asked to present again. No CTLE hours will be earned for presenting only, however presenters may attend this event free of charge.
	+ Breakouts – 3 or 4 breakout sessions eligible for PD hours. Certificates will be distributed at the end of the day.
	+ Some suggested topics for the breakout session include:
		- Building connections/relationship
		- Using technology for collaboration (Google)
		- Working with challenging students
		- Social/emotional skill building
* New Business
* Professional Development Handout - Local Learning Initiative is offering a professional development workshop for Educators and Artists – “Culture, Community and the Classroom” August 21-22, 2018 at The BOCES Education Campus. There is no charge for this workshop. Register at: [www.locallearningnetwork.org](http://www.locallearningnetwork.org)
* Summer/Fall Courses – RFP will come out shortly. Complete course descriptions and specific objectives will be included. The goal is to offer more workshops and less on-line courses. Google courses need to be RFP appropriate and limited to avoid repetitive/overlapping content
* Hourly rate for TC teachers needs to be addressed. Erie 1 pays $40.00/hr., Orleans/Niagara BOCES pays $45/hr. Possibly $45-$50 an hour depending on face to face vs. online?

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Lalley seconded by Collen Schaefer. Meeting adjourned

The next Teacher Center Board meeting is May 23, 2018 at 12:30 PM. Location: Depew UFSD - Room 124A