

Nassau TRACT Teacher Center - Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting
ZOOM – 4:00PM
April 12, 2022

Present:

Nassau BOCES: K. Moleti; **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler; **Sewanhaka:** M. Contarino;
Garden City:
J. McAleese; **New Hyde Park- GCP:** S. Schlueck; **Carle Place:** D. Cecere; M. Donnelly,
E. Rockaway: M. Kreit, **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler, L. Ferguson-Garakat; **Locust Valley:**
S. Zindman; **Mineola:** E. Cormack; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri; **Parent Rep:** D. Molisan; **NCMA:**
L. Lynch;
TRACT: B. DelliCarpini; L. Cohn, J. Ceriano. Quorum

Absent:

Nassau BOCES: D. Schneider; **Mineola:**T. Campbell ; **Garden City:** K. Justino; **Hewlett-Woodmere:** J. Brown; M. Lett; **Oyster Bay:** A. McDonald, J. Iles; **E. Rockaway:** C. Castellano; **New Hyde Park- GCP:** L. Holzkamp; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** J. Graham, L. Markowitz-Able; **Adelphi:** A.Madray;

1. Chairperson’s Report:

- A) Call to Order: The Policy Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Jim McAleese
- B) Call for Agenda items:
Motion: To accept the Agenda with flexibility (H Kreit/E. Guarnieri) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes January 13, 2022.
Motion: To accept January 13, 2022 Minutes. (E. Cormack/H. Kreit) Unanimous – Unanimous-Carried.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

- A) Budget
Motion: To accept the Budget. (M. Donnelly/M. Contarino) Unanimous - Carried.
- B) PAR 1
Motion: To accept the PAR 1. (E. Cormack/E. Guarnieri) Unanimous -Carried.

3. Directors Report (L. Cohn/B. DelliCarpini)

2022/23 Continuation Grant Application

Les and Barbara announced that the budget has been approved and there is talk of an significant increase, but it is not known yet what that percentage will be. They are working to put conferences and presenters in place for the upcoming school year. We will start off in the fall with in-person full day conferences which will be accompanied with followed up with two 90 minute webinars to continue the conversation and dig deeper. ~~go in depth with each conference we offer.~~ We will collaborate with Hofstra University and the Nassau County Museum of Art, Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center and the Cradle of Aviation Museum for in-person professional learning facilities. ~~TRACT hosted several webinars with the Cradle of Aviation, we will work with them to have an on-site professional development workshop. We will continue our on-going work with the Holocaust Tolerance and Memorial Center.~~

Barbara sent a Needs Assessment to all policy board members, ~~and while we no longer have Satellite Centers in our 12 school districts, we will work~~ to gather specific ideas and needs of each of our districts. ~~That data will be collected and discussed at a Policy Board as we complete the continuation grant application together.~~

A) Professional Development Workshops

On March 29th TRACT hosted an in-person professional development workshop at the Nassau County Museum of Art from 4:00-7:00PM. It was well attended by teachers and pre-service teachers. We will continue our push with pre-service teachers and collaborate with Hofstra and Adelphi University in the upcoming year to facilitate additional workshops.

~~On April 6th TRACT hosted a webinar “EdTech Essentials for Every Classroom” a review of the best technology apps and online resources that should be part of every teacher’s toolbelt.~~

D) Collegial Circles

Michelle Borba presented an online webinar for TRACT this school year, “Thrivers-7 Teachable Traits to Ensure Students Lifelong Happiness and Success”. She has agreed to do an online Collegial Circle in the upcoming school year free of charge if we purchase the books for the participants.

4. New Business

Special congratulations to Caitlin Castellano our East Rockaway policy board member, who gave birth to Vivian Ruth, ~~who~~ was born on March 10th.

5. Adjournment - Motion: To adjourn at 4:45PM. (M. Donnelly/S. Zindman) Unanimous-Carried.

Justine Ceriano

Secretary – Justine Ceriano