

**Nassau TRACT Teacher Center - Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting
Zoom
November 17, 2020**

Present:

Nassau BOCES: K. Moleti; D. Schneider; **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler, **Garden City:** J. McAleese; **Oyster Bay:** A. McDonald, **New Hyde Park- GCP:** S. Schlueck, J. Scamell, **Carle Place:** D. Cecere, M. Donnelly; **E. Rockaway:** C. Castellano; H. Kreit, **Hewlett-Woodmere:** J. Brown; M. Shannon, **Locust Valley:** S. Zindman; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** J. Graham,; **Mineola:** E. Cormack; **Adelphi:** A.Madray; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri;**TRACT:** B. DelliCarpini; L. Cohn; J. Ceriano.

Absent:

Oyster Bay: J. Iles; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** L. Markowitz-Able; **Sewanhaka:** M. Contarino; **West Hempstead:** A. Sheridan; **Garden City:** K. Justino;

1. Chairperson's Report:

- A) Call to Order: The Policy Board meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by Jim McAleese
- B) Call for Agenda items:
Motion: To accept the Agenda with flexibility (M.Donnelly/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes September 30, 2020.
Motion: To accept September 30, 2020 Minutes. (K. Moleti/H. Kreit) Unanimous - Carried.

Jim reported that he is in constant contact with the Directors and Justine, however, with no new news, or initial funds released, meetings and discussions are limited.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

- A) Budget
Motion: To accept the Budget. (D. Cecere/A. Madray) Unanimous - Carried.
- B) PAR 2
Motion: To accept the PAR 2. (D. Schneider/H. Kreit) Unanimous - Carried.

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

Les and Barbara once again brought members up to date on the status of our grant. To date no funds have been released to the LEA, and a possible decrease in our original grant amount is very possible. We received information that the funds were forthcoming in November and we started quickly arranging courses and professional development workshops. One week later we were informed that there was no set date of when funds will be released to the LEA, in fact it may be the new year before we know anything. Once again, we are taking down our professional development workshops. The Directors reminded members that NYSUT has been our best advocate in trying to get Teacher Centers up and running during this pandemic.

A) Professional Development Workshop – October 21, 2020

TRACT hosted a three hour Professional Development Workshop at Nassau County Museum of Art. The workshop was in person on the grounds of the Nassau County Museum of Art presented by Laura Lynch and Charles Riley, the Museum's Education Director. Registrants were able to tour the grounds as well as the current exhibit inside of the museum. Laura spoke to the members about the many workshops and events the museum is hosting virtually for teachers, students, classes, etc. An emphasis on Mindfulness along with Social and Emotional well-being and Social Justice will be the main focus this year.

B) In-service Courses

Courses were re-posted on MLP in November and they once again filled up. We have decided to let them run, the registration fees will sustain the current courses.

B) Professional Development Workshops

December 9, 2020 from 4:00 – 5:15PM

Social Emotional Learning in a Remote Learning World

Dr. Thomas Hoerr will present this workshop via zoom.

Motion: To approve Dr. Thomas Hoerr at a cost of 1,000. (D. Schneider/M. Donnelly) Unanimous - Carried.

January 27, 2021 from 4:00 – 5:00PM

TRACT will host a VIRTUAL tour of the Holocaust museum, video testimony of Holocaust Survivors and a presentation that explores methodology, context, content, and an introduction to HMTC's myriad resources to be used in the classroom.

Motion: To approve \$375 for the Holocaust Education Program all inclusive. (J. Brown/E.Cormack) Unanimous-Carried.

4. New Business

Justine introduced Mary Shannon-Lett our new policy board member from Hewlett-Woodmere who replaced Mona Schwartz upon her retirement.

5. Adjournment - Motion: To adjourn at 5:00. (A. Madray/J. Scamell) Unanimous- Carried.

Justine Ceriano

Secretary – Justine Ceriano