

**Nassau TRACT Teacher Center - Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting
Hofstra University – Hagedorn Hall, Room 278
October 28, 2019**

Present:

West Hempstead: A. Sheridan; W. Heckler; **Sewanhaka:** J. Gordon-Tennant, **Nassau BOCES:** D. Witt;
Oyster Bay: A. McDonald, J. Iles; **New Hyde Park-GCP:** S. Schlueck, **Carle Place:** D. Cecere, M. Donnelly;
E. Rockaway: C. Castellano; H. Kreit; **Hewlett-Woodmere:** M. Schwartz, J. Brown; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:**
J. Graham; **Locust Valley:** S. Zindman; **Mineola:** E. Cormack; **Hofstra University:** B. Salemson;
Adelphi: A. Madray; **TRACT:** B. DelliCarpini; L. Cohn; J. Ceriano.

Absent:

Garden City: J. McAleese; K. Justino; **Nassau BOCES:** K. Moleti; **New Hyde Park- GCP:** J. Scamell;
Plainview-Old Bethpage: L. Markowitz-Able; **Sewanhaka:** M. Contarino; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri; K. Razzetti.

1. Chairperson's Report:

- A) Call to Order: The Policy Board meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Susan Schlueck, Assistant Chairperson.
- B) Call for Agenda items:
Motion: To accept the Agenda with flexibility (J. Gordon-Tennant/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes September 23, 2019.
Motion: To accept September 23, 2019 Minutes. (D. Cecere/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.
- D) Sue welcomed our new member Heidi Kreit from East Rockaway to the policy board. Heidi was a member years ago and was happy to return to the policy board to fill a vacancy. Welcome to Diana Witt who is our new member from Nassau BOCES.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

- A) Budget
Motion: To accept the Budget. (J. Gordon-Tennant/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.
- B) PAR 1
Motion: To accept the PAR 1. (B. Salemson/E. Cormack) Unanimous -Carried.
- C) PAR 2
Motion: To accept the PAR 2. (J. Brown/J. Gordon-Tennant) Unanimous - Carried.

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

A) Conferences

January 13, 2020 – Full Day Conference at Hofstra University
Lost at School with Dr. Ross Greene, Addressing the Needs of our Challenging Students. This conference will support the State initiative.

Motion: To approve Ross Greene at a cost of \$6,550 for a full day conference all inclusive.
(J. Brown/D. Cecere) Unanimous - Carried.

November 21, 2019 – Full Day Conference at Hofstra University
Empathy is Academic, with over 100 teachers and administrators already registered; Dr. Thomas Hoerr will present the Formative Five Success Skills (empathy, self-control, integrity, embracing diversity, and grit) and show how school culture can become a powerful tool to help prepare children to succeed in life. Naomi Priddy will give a hands-on workshop on how to incorporate empathy into academic content.

Conferences - continued

Nassau County Museum of Art – Energy: Art Meets Science Conference

On Monday October 21st, TRACT hosted a full day workshop illustrating the integration of Science and Art. With 35 teachers in attendance, this hands-on workshop included two Presenters from the Brookhaven Labs along with our Laura Lynch, the Educational Director of the Museum, and her team gave teachers an array of activities and programs to take back to school.

B) Professional Development Workshop

TRACT will be hosting a three hour Professional Development Workshop at Hofstra University Museum of Art. The topic will be The Environment Reflected in Art, and participants will also explore the museum's exhibits. November 14, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00PM

C) In-service Courses

Courses for the fall are posted on MLP and most are filled to capacity. Courses are ongoing throughout the year; Directors once again reminded everyone that we are always looking for new ideas and new topics to bring to our members.

D) Parent Workshop

Mona Schwartz spoke about an upcoming workshop for parents and teachers relating to mental health issues and its impact on the school day and the community. On November 12th they are having Hakeem Rahim present a workshop dealing with Mental Health Issues.

Motion: To approve Hakeem Rahim for \$500 to present “Breaking through the Stigma of Mental Illness” Presentation all inclusive. (M. Schwartz/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.

4. New Business

By-Laws

Motion: To review and discuss changes to be made to the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center By-Laws. (H. Kreit/ J. Brown) A final vote will take place at the January meeting.

Each member was given a copy of the current By-Laws with the proposed changes highlighted in red. Discussion took place about the recommendations the Directors are suggesting. One of the reasons the By-Laws are being updated is to include the New York State Open Meeting Law. Members were asked to look them over in the next few weeks and bring back any other changes or suggestions to the November meeting.

5. Adjournment - Motion: To adjourn at 3:00. (J. Gordon-Tennant/E. Cormack) Unanimous- Carried.

Justine Ceriano

Secretary – Justine Ceriano