

**Nassau TRACT Teacher Center
Policy Board Meeting - Minutes
September 23, 2019**

Present:

West Hempstead: A. Sheridan; **Sewanhaka:** J. Gordon-Tennant, **Garden City:** J. McAleese;
Oyster Bay: A. McDonald, J. Iles; **New Hyde Park- GCP:** S. Schlueck, **Carle Place:** D. Cecere, M. Donnelly;
E. Rockaway: C. Castellano; **Hewlett-Woodmere:** M. Schwartz, J. Brown; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** J. Graham;
Locust Valley: S. Zindman; **Mineola:** E. Cormack; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri; **Hofstra University:** B. Salemsen,
E. Dysart; **TRACT:** B. DelliCarpini; L. Cohn; J. Ceriano.

Absent:

Nassau BOCES: K. Moleti; D. Witt-Schneider; **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler, **New Hyde Park- GCP:** J. Scamell
E. Rockaway: H. Kreit; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** L. Markowitz-Able; **Sewanhaka:** M. Contarino;
Garden City: K. Justino; **Adelphi:** A. Madray; **Diocese:** K. Razzetti

1. Chairperson's Report:

- A) Call to Order: The Policy Board meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Jim McAleese
- B) Call for Agenda items:
Motion: To accept the Agenda with flexibility (J. Gordon-Tennant/D. Cecere) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes June 6, 2019.
Motion: To accept June 6, 2019 Minutes. (D. Cecere/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.
- D) Welcome
Jim welcomed everyone back to another year that promises to be filled with quality conferences and workshops for all levels of teaching. The board welcomed our new members Jim Graham from Plainview and Caitlin Castellano from East Rockaway.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

- A) Budget
Motion: To accept the Budget. (J. Gordon-Tennant/M. Donnelly) Unanimous - Carried.
- B) PAR 1
Motion: To accept the PAR 1. (B. Salemsen/E. Cormack) Unanimous -Carried.
- C) PAR 2
Motion: To accept the PAR 2. (J. Brown/J. Gordon-Tennant) Unanimous - Carried.
- D) Checking Account
Motion: To accept the Checking Account. (D.Cecere/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.

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

- A) Professional Development Workshop
TRACT will be hosting a three hour Professional Development Workshop at Hofstra University Museum of Art. The workshop will be given by Liz Dysart, the Museum's Education Director. The topic will be The Environment Reflected in Art, and participants will also explore the museums exhibits.

November 14, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00PM

B) In-service Courses

Courses are posted on MLP and filling up. Members were encouraged to ask colleagues in their district to sign up for activities. Courses are ongoing throughout the year.

C) Conferences

Three Conferences are on MLP with registrations coming in. The Policy Board was emailed the flyers for distribution in their schools. Flyers are on our website and Policy Board members were given a hard copy at the meeting to post in their schools.

October 21, 2019 – Full Day Conference at The Nassau County Museum of Art

Energy: Art Meets Science

Using a Cross Disciplinary Approach to unpack the New York State Arts Standards

Motion: To approve The Nassau County Museum of Art to host and provide Presenters for the full day at a cost of 2,250 all inclusive. (J. Brown/D. Cecere) Unanimous - Carried.

November 21, 2019 – Full Day Conference at Hofstra University

Empathy is Academic

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.

Motion: To approve Dr. Thomas Hoerr at a cost of 4,000 and Naomi Priddy at a cost of \$1,250 for a full day conference all inclusive (J. Gordon-Tennant/M. Donnelly) Unanimous -Carried.

D) Collegial Circles

Members were encouraged to pursue the creation of collegial circles; topics and content were discussed.

Motion: To approve “Lifelong Kindergarten Cultivating Creativity”, Carle Place School District, in the amount of \$325.00, for the purchase of copies of “Lifelong Kindergarten Cultivating Creativity through Projects, Passion, Peers and Play”, The stipend for the facilitator of this collegial circle will be provided by the district. (J. Brown/J. Gordon-Tennant) Unanimous - Carried.

E) Parent Workshop

Susan Schlueck will be presenting another Math Parent Workshop in NHP/GCP in October. It will take place in the evening from 7:00-9:30PM. The Workshop entitled “Math Parent Presentation” was well attended last year with approximately 50 parents in attendance.

Motion: To approve Susan Schlueck for \$500 to present a Math Parent Presentation all inclusive. (J. Gordon-Tennant/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.

4. New Business

The Directors spoke about the open meeting policy; NY State’s Teacher Centers are required to comply. Nassau TRACT will post all minutes on our website, along with the dates and meeting locations for all upcoming courses, conferences and policy board meetings. This was our past practice and we will continue to adhere to these guidelines.

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