

Nassau TRACT Teacher Center - Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting
Zoom
September 30, 2020

Present:

Nassau BOCES: K. Moleti; D. Schneider; **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler, **Garden City:** J. McAleese; **Oyster Bay:** A. McDonald, J. Iles; **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; **Mineola:** E. Cormack; **Adelphi:** A. Madray; **Nassau County Museum of Art:** L. Lynch; **TRACT:** B. DelliCarpini; L. Cohn; J. Cerian.

Absent:

Plainview-Old Bethpage: J. Graham, L. Markowitz-Able; **Sewanhaka:** J. Gordon-Tennant, M. Contarino; **West Hempstead:** A. Sheridan; **Garden City:** K. Justino; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri;

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 (H. Kreit/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes June 11, 2020.
Motion: To accept June 11, 2020 Minutes. (M. Donnelly/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.
- D) Welcome
Jim welcomed everyone back to a year that promises to be anything but normal. At this time our Grant is on hold as we wait to hear from the state about possible cuts.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

- A) Budget
Motion: To accept the Budget. (D. Cecere/A. Madray) Unanimous - Carried.
- B) PAR 1
Motion: To accept the PAR 1. (E. Cormack/H. Kreit) Unanimous -Carried.
- C) PAR 2
Motion: To accept the PAR 2. (D. Schneider/H. Kreit) Unanimous - Carried.

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

Les and Barbara 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 possible. The Statewide Leadership Committee changed the Fall Focus to a virtual meeting and the Spring Symposium could be virtual as well. With the grant on hold and a possible cut imminent, it is important to support our teachers with in-service courses and professional development workshops. Discussion about the increase in fees charged for courses and workshops will help us to continue to bring our colleagues important training even if our grant funding is decreased.

Motion: To increase in-service courses from \$25 to \$50. (E. Cormack / C.Castellano) Unanimous – Carried.

Motion: To charge \$10 for professional development workshops. (E. Cormack / J. Brown) Unanimous – Carried.

- A) Professional Development Workshop
October 21, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00PM

TRACT will be hosting a three hour Professional Development Workshop at Nassau County Museum of Art. The workshop will be given by Laura Lynch, the Museum's Education Director. Laura spoke to the members about the many workshops and events the museum is hosting. An emphasis on Mindfulness along with Social and Emotional well-being and Social Justice will be the main focus this year.

Motion: To approve \$700 for the Professional Development Workshop at the Nassau County Museum of Art (W. Heckler / D. Cecere) Unanimous – Carried.

- B) In-service Courses

Courses were posted on MLP in August, and all of them quickly filled to capacity with waiting lists. The Executive Board decided to postpone them when cuts to funding became a possibility.

4. New Business

Les reviewed the New York State Open Meeting Law along with Education Law 316 which all Teacher Centers are required to follow. A PowerPoint presentation of both policies was presented via zoom. Members were reminded that Nassau TRACT will post all policy board minutes and dates on our website; pointing out that everything will be through zoom for the near future. All upcoming courses and professional development workshops will also be posted on our website. This has been our past practice and we will continue to adhere to these guidelines.

5. **Adjournment - Motion:** To adjourn at 5:00. (K. Moleti / D. Schneider) Unanimous- Carried.

Submitted:

Justine Ceriano

Secretary – Justine Ceriano