

**Nassau TRACT Teacher Center - Minutes**  
**Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting**  
**ZOOM – 4:00PM**  
**September 1, 2021**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

**Carle Place:** M. Donnelly; **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler, A. Sheridan; **Mineola:**T. Campbell ; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** L. Markowitz-Able; **Garden City:** K. Justino; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri; **TRACT:** J. Ceriano.

**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/D. Schneider) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes June 9, 2021.  
**Motion:** To accept June 9, 2021 Minutes. (E. Cormack/L. Lynch) Unanimous – Unanimous-Carried.
- D) Welcome  
Jim welcomed everyone back to another year that we hope will be a much better year than the last one. We are hopeful to get back to in person conferences and workshops. The board welcomed our new member Lara Holzkamp from New Hyde Park/Garden City Park.

**2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)**

- A) Budget  
**Motion:** To accept the Budget. (D. Cecere/M. Contarino) Unanimous - Carried.
- B) PAR 1  
**Motion:** To accept the PAR 1. (D. Schneider/M. Contarino) Unanimous -Carried.
- C) PAR 2  
**Motion:** To accept the PAR 2. (J. Brown/D. Schneider) Unanimous - Carried.
- D) FS10-A “1”  
**Motion:** To accept theFS10A”1”. (H. Kreit/D. Cecere) Unanimous - Carried.

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

FS10A Explanation of Budget Changes

Les and Barbara brought members up to date with the status of the grant. Dawn Graham, the Teacher Center Program Office Director contacted TRACT in August to go over the TRACT FS10 (program expenditures). We were told that the Confidential Secretary’s salary had to be reduced by \$16,152, bringing her revised salary down to \$35,248. The directive was that administrative expenses cannot be greater than 25% of the grant expenditures; our current grant total has been lowered from \$151,417.00 to \$134,764.00. Once we make this adjustment, we can submit an FS10A requesting the remainder of our original \$151,417.00.

The Nassau TRACT Teacher Center Policy Board decided to utilize the additional funds in the area of Social Emotional Learning. The following Presenters and topics are currently being set up dates and cost will be presented on the PAR 2, as we are still in the process of working out final details.

Two - 90 minute webinars with J. Benson to help us understand the ways to weave SEL into our lessons, to build student competencies, and improve academic performance.

Three – 90 minute webinars with Dr. Laurie Barron and Patti Kinney’s book, *We Belong: 50 Strategies to Create Community and Revolutionize Classroom Management*.

Two – 90 minute webinars with Dominique Smith, the co-author of *Building Equity, Policies, and Practices to Empower All Learners*, focuses on mind shifts to promote restorative practices and equity.

In two 90 minute webinars he will address the opportunity to create a culture of achievement.

The remainder of the funds are being allocated to 15 hour in-service courses for the winter/spring session, some of the topics may include:

- Empowering Elementary Students with Voice & Choice (K-5)
- Empowering Secondary Students with Voice & Choice (Gr 6-12)
- The Power of Student Agency
- Master Kami in the Connected Class
- Exploring the 4Cs Using Mote

A) In-service Courses

Courses were posted on MLP in August, most of which are filling up. Members were encouraged to ask colleagues in their district to sign up for activities. Online courses continue to be very popular and in demand during this pandemic.

B) Conference

Pathways to Equity and Inclusion in the Classroom- Meeting the Challenge of Diversity in our Schools.

November 8, 2021 – Full Day Conference at Hofstra University

**Motion:** To approve Tracey Edwards at a cost of \$1,500 for a full day conference all inclusive. (H. Kreit/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

C) Professional Development Workshops

Nassau County Museum of Art – October 13, 2021 4:00 – 7:00PM

TRACT will be hosting a three hour Professional Development Workshop at NCMA. An Interdisciplinary, Interactive in Person tour of the NCMA featuring Andy Warhol.

**Motion:** To approve the Nassau County Museum of Art at a cost of \$700. (K. Moleti/M. Contarino) Unanimous-Carried.

The following four workshops/ webinars will be presented by The Cradle of Aviation Museum

November 3, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00PM

Making Connections: The Role of Engineers and Engineering Education Ask-Imagine-Plan-Create

December 8, 2021

Gateway to Mars

March 9, 2022

Adventures in Augmented Reality

May 11, 2022

Colors of the Universe

**Motion:** To approve The Cradle of Aviation at a total cost of \$3,000, which is \$750 per session.

(D. Cecere / E. Cormack) Unanimous – Carried

D) Collegial Circles

**Motion:** To approve “Shifting the Balance: 6 Ways to Bring the Science of Reading into the Balanced Literacy Classroom”, NHP-GCP School District, in the amount of \$325.00, for the purchase of the books. (J. Brown/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

**Motion:** To approve \$250.00 for Vivian Sirakis who will facilitate the Collegial Circle. (E. Cormack/A.McDonald ) Unanimous - Carried.

**Motion:** To approve “Facilitating PLC’s”, Diocese of Rockville Centre, in the amount of \$300.00, for the purchase of the books. ( D. Schneider/H. Kreit) Unanimous-Carried.

**Motion:** To approve “Exploring Visual Text to Foster Comprehension, Conversation and Confidence”, Carle Place School District, in the amount of \$375.00, for the purchase of the books. (K. Moleti/H. Kreit) Unanimous – Carried.

**4. New Business**

Barbara is also in discussion with John Lewis, Hofstra University Dept. of Education, to provide Professional Learning opportunities for Hofstra’s student teachers.

**5. Adjournment - Motion:** To adjourn at 5:00PM. (K. Moleti/A. McDonald) Unanimous- Carried.

Justine Ceriano

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Secretary – Justine Ceriano