

**Nassau TRACT Teacher Center - Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting
Hofstra University – Hagedorn Hall, Room 140
September 22, 2022**

Present:

Nassau BOCES: K. Moleti; J. Barry; **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler, L. Ferguson-Barakat; **Locust Valley:** S. Zindman; **Garden City:** J. McAleese, **Oyster Bay:** A. McDonald, J. Iles; **New Hyde Park- GCP:** S. Schlueck, L. Holzkamp; **Carle Place:** D. Cecere, M. Donnelly; **E. Rockaway:** C. Castellano; **Hewlett-Woodmere:** J. Brown; M. Lett; **Mineola:** E. Cormack; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri; **Adelphi:** A. Madray; **NCMA:** L. Lynch; **TRACT:** B. DelliCarpini; L. Cohn; J. Ceriano.

Absent:

E. Rockaway: H. Kreit, **Sewanhaka:** M. Contarino; **Garden City:** L. Maguire; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** J. Graham, L. Markowitz-Able; **NCMA:** L. Lynch

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 (K. Moleti /J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.

C) Approval of Minutes June 9, 2022.

Motion: To accept June 9, 2022 Minutes. (E. Cormack / K. Moleti) Unanimous - Carried.

D) Welcome

Jim welcomed everyone back to another year with our meetings back in person. We are looking forward to a great year. With a few new members, Jim asked everyone to introduce themselves. The board welcomed our new member Joanna Barry from Nassau BOCES.

Jim handed out the revised job descriptions. Over the summer we were contacted that the job descriptions were not in compliance. We received guidance by the Teacher Center Program Office and together with Les, Barbara and Justine the changes were implemented. Members reviewed the changes and discussion took place. We were given provisional approval of our Grant until the policy board approves the new job descriptions and the changes added to the By-Laws.

Motion: To approve the revised job descriptions. (M. Donnelly/C. Castellano) Unanimous-Carried.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

A) Budget

Motion: To accept the Budget. (D. Cecere/K. Moleti) Unanimous - Carried.

B) PAR 1

Motion: To accept the PAR 1. (J. Brown/A.Madray) Unanimous -Carried.

C) PAR 2

Motion: To accept the PAR 2. (K. Moleti/C. Castellano) Unanimous - Carried.

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

A) In-service Courses

Courses are posted on MLP/Frontline and filling up. Members were encouraged to ask colleagues in their district to sign up for activities and courses as we have a rolling catalog which is updated continuously throughout the school year.

B) Conferences

Three Conferences are on MLP/Frontline with registrations coming in. The Policy Board was emailed the flyers for distribution in their schools. Flyers are also on our website and were distributed at the meeting.

October 17, 2022 – Full Day Conference at The Nassau County Museum of Art
Enjoy the Restorative Practice of Mindfulness and Replenish your Energy for the New School Year

Motion: To approve The Nassau County Museum of Art to host and provide a Presenter for the full day at a cost of 1,800 all inclusive. (A. McDonald/J. Iles) Unanimous - Carried.

Motion: To approve Deborah DeBetta to present at NCMA at a cost of \$500 all inclusive.

November 9, 2022 – Full Day Conference at Hofstra University
Ed Tech Essentials for Every Classroom

Dr. Monica Burns will present

Motion: To approve Dr. Monica Burns at a cost of 3,500 for a full day conference all inclusive.

(E. Cormack/A. McDonald) Unanimous -Carried.

December 6, 2022 – Full Day Conference at Hofstra University
Implementing Project Based Learning

Suzie Boss will present.

Motion: To approve Suzie Boss at a cost of 3,300 for a full day conference all inclusive.

(L. Ferguson/M. Donnelly) Unanimous -Carried.

C) Collegial Circles

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

Motion: To approve “Shifting the Balance: 6 Ways to Bring the Science of Reading into the Balanced Literacy Classroom”, Carle Place School District, in the amount of \$850.00, for the purchase of 22 copies of “Shifting the Balance”. (J. Iles/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

Motion: To approve “Building a Trauma Informed Compassionate Classroom: Strategies & Activities to Reduce Challenging Behavior”, Carle Place School District, in the amount of \$400.00, for the purchase of 25 copies. (J. Brown/K. Moleti) Unanimous - Carried.

Motion: To approve \$250 for Kate Moleti who will facilitate the Collegial Circle. (C. Castellano/ E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

Motion: To approve “Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine”, in the amount of \$300.00, for the purchase of 20 copies. (J. Brown/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

4. New Business

A) Les reviewed the New York State Open Meeting Law along with Education Law 316 which all Teacher Centers are required to follow. Members were reminded that Nassau TRACT will post all minutes on our website, along with the dates and meeting locations. All upcoming courses, professional learning workshops will also be posted on our website. These policies were discussed. This has been our past practice and we will continue to adhere to these guidelines.

B) Revised By-laws

Motion: To discuss the changes in the By-laws. (J. Brown/K. Moleti). Carried. Unanimous

5. Adjournment - **Motion:** To adjourn at 3:00. (D. Cecere/M. Donnelly) Unanimous- Carried.