

Nassau TRACT Teacher Center - Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting
Hofstra University – Hagedorn Hall, Room 142
September 21, 2023

Present:

Nassau BOCES: K. Moleti; J. Barry; **West Hempstead:** L. Ferguson-Barakat; C. Grey; **Sewanhaka:** M. Contarino; **Garden City:** J. McAleese, M. Calemno; **Oyster Bay:** M. Taube, J. Iles; **New Hyde Park- GCP:** S. Schlueck, L. Holzkamp; **Carle Place:** D. Cecere, R. Hunter; **Hewlett-Woodmere:** J. Brown; M. Lett; **Locust Valley:** S. Zindman; **Mineola:** E. Cormack; **Adelphi:** A. Madray; **TRACT:** L. Cohn; J. Svendsen; J. Ceriano.

Absent:

E. Rockaway: C. Castellano; **Garden City:** L. Maguire; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** J. Graham, L. Markowitz-Able; **Diocese:** E. Guarnieri; **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 (J. Iles/K. Moleti) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes June 9, 2023.
Motion: To accept June 9, 2023 Minutes. (J. Brown/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.
- D) Welcome
Jim welcomed everyone back to another year with a packed calendar of events, that the Directors will speak about. Jim visited the new office, Justine is settled and everything is working out great, the Executive Board has met several times in the new office. With a few new members joining our Policy Board this year, Jim asked everyone to introduce themselves. The board welcomed our new members Colin Grey from West Hempstead and Michele Taube from Oyster Bay.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

- A) Budget
Motion: To accept the Budget. (L. Ferguson/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/D. Cecere) Unanimous - Carried.
- D) Checking Account
Motion: To accept the PAR 2. (J. Iles/K. Moleti) Unanimous - Carried.

3. Directors Report (L. Cohn/J. Svendsen)

- A) Conferences / Professional Development
The Directors went over the upcoming conferences, webinars and courses that we will be offering this year. Les spoke about our upcoming conference "Understanding Artificial Intelligence" which will take place on November 15th at Hofstra University. Happy to announce the conference is filled to capacity with over 160 registrants. Les thanked Joann Brown who introduced him to Michael Hind, the keynote speaker who is graciously presenting at no cost to TRACT. Garden City our LEA District was interviewed by NBC and our policy board member Margaux Calemno was on the cover of Newsday on Sunday, discussing AI and the impact it will have on students and schools. The AI conference will address how this will impact teachers and in turn how schools will adapt.

November 15, 2023 – Full Day Conference – Hofstra University
Understanding Artificial Intelligence Dr. Michael Hind keynote speaker / Dr. Derek Tranchina Presenter
Motion: To approve Dr. Derek Tranchina for a full day conference at a cost of 3,000 all inclusive.
(K. Moleti/L. Holzkamp) Unanimous - Carried.

October 4, 2023 – Book Study Webinar
Teach Happier: Small Shifts; Big Gifts
Suzanne Dailey

Motion: To approve Suzanne Dailey at a cost of 1,625 for a book study webinar all inclusive.
(L. Ferguson/K. Moleti) Unanimous -Carried.

October 26, 2023 – Professional Development Webinar
Conquering Boredom, Apathy and Indifference in the Classroom: Strategies to Engage, Excite, and
Motivate Your Students
Frank Kros, Kros Learning Group

Motion: To approve Frank Kros at a cost of 1,000 for a webinar all inclusive.
(E. Cormack/D. Cecere) Unanimous -Carried.

December 4, 2023 – Professional Development Workshop at The Nassau County Museum of Art
Our Gilded Age, a Period in U.S. History
Motion: To approve The Nassau County Museum of Art to host and present at a cost of 1,400 all inclusive.
(J. Brown/M. Lett) Carried.

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.

B) Collegial Circles

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

Motion: To approve “Bringing Words to Life: Robust Vocabulary Instruction”, Carle Place School District, in the amount of \$800.00, for the purchase of 21 copies. (J. Iles/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

Motion: To approve “An Educator’s Guide to Schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports: Integrating All Three Tiers” Nassau BOCES School District, in the amount of \$850.00 for the purchase of 20 copies. (L. Holzkamp/J. Iles) Unanimous - Carried.

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

Motion: To approve “Adventures in Authentic Learning”, Diocese of RVC in the amount of \$300.00, for the purchase of 12 copies. (J. Brown/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

Motion: To approve “The Power of Moments,: Why Certain Experiences have Extraordinary Impact”, Nassau BOCES School District, in the amount of \$300.00, for the purchase of 12 copies. (R. Hunter/D. Cecere) Unanimous - Carried.

Motion: To approve \$250 for Elena Perdikos who will facilitate the Collegial Circle. (C. Castellano/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 development 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) By-laws

Members were reminded that our By-Laws are on our website to look over at any time.

5. Adjournment - Motion: To adjourn at 3:00. (D. Cecere/J. Brown) Unanimous- Carried