

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

Present:

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

Absent:

Nassau BOCES: D. Schneider; **West Hempstead:** W. Heckler; **Oyster Bay:** J. Iles; **Mineola:** T. Campbell; **Plainview-Old Bethpage:** L. Markowitz-Able.

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 (K. Moleti/J. Brown) Unanimous - Carried.
- C) Approval of Minutes September 1, 2021.
Motion: To accept September 1, 2021 Minutes. (E. Cormack/A. Madray) – Unanimous-Carried.
- D) Welcome
The board welcomed our new member Lili Ferguson-Baralat from West Hempstead UFSD.

2. Financial Report: (J. Ceriano)

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

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

A) Open Meeting Law

The Directors reviewed the New York State Open Meeting Law which all Teacher Centers are required to follow. Some of the items that were discussed were that Nassau TRACT will post all minutes on our website, along with the dates and location for all upcoming policy board meetings. This was discussed and has been our past practice and we will continue to adhere to these guidelines. Protocols for Zoom meetings were discussed to stay in compliance with the OML.

B) FS10A

Les and Barbara brought members up to date with the status of the grant. Dawn Graham, the Teacher Center Program Office Director emailed and called to notify us that the FS10A"1" was approved. At that time she requested a new Matrix be submitted with details on the new expenditures. Everything was submitted in a timely manner and we have not heard anything else, assuming it was accepted. (The matrix was disseminated to all members)

C) Professional Development Webinars

The following two workshops/ webinars will be presented by Jeffrey Benson., the 90 minute webinars will help us to understand the ways to weave SEL into our lessons, to build student competencies, and improve academic performance. **Motion:** To approve Jeffrey Benson at a cost of \$1,000 each for a total of \$2,000 for two 90 minute webinars all inclusive. (H. Kreit/E. Cormack) Unanimous - Carried.

- January 11, 2022 from 4:00 to 5:30PM
Hanging in With Challenging Students
- February 8, 2022 from 4:00 – 5:30PM
Improving Lesson Plans with SEL

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

Motion: To approve Dr. Laurie Barron and Patti Kinney for three 90 minute webinars at a cost of \$700 per Presentation for a total of \$2,100 all inclusive. (K. Moleti/H. Kreit) Unanimous - Carried.

- January 27, 2022 from 4:00 to 5:30PM
We Belong – Strategies to Build Belonging
- March 10, 2022 from 4:00 – 5:30PM
We Belong – Strategies to Promote Social Emotional Learning and Improve Classroom Management
- May 12, 2022 from 4:00 – 5:30PM
Strategies to Begin the School Year

D) In-service Courses

Courses are doing well, Barbara and Les audit all courses and webinars that take place.

4. New Business

By-Laws

Changes to the By-laws were handed out. Specifically changes to the job descriptions of the Directors and the Confidential Secretary. Discussion took place about the changes, members read over the new job descriptions, we will continue this discussion at the December meeting.

Motion: To discuss amending the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center By-Laws job description.

5. Old Business

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

TRACT hosted a three hour Professional Development Workshop at Nassau County Museum of Art. The workshop was well attended and in person on the grounds of the Nassau County Museum of Art presented by Laura Lynch., the Museum’s Education Director. Registrants were able to tour the grounds as well as the current exhibit inside the museum. Laura spoke to the members about the upcoming exhibits as well as other programs they are hosting.

6. Adjournment - Motion: To adjourn at 5:10PM. (A. Madray/H. Kreit) Unanimous- Carried.

Justine Ceriano

Secretary – Justine Ceriano