School Library System Council Meeting  
April 4, 2018  
Costello Conference Room  
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

**Attendance:** SLS Council: Laura Winchester, acting-Chair, Madison CSD; Jaclyn Buzzard, VVS CSD; Jackie Groves, Morrisville-Eaton CSD; Kristin Strohmeyer, Hamilton College; Kalpana Lennox, Oneida City SD; Tina Toglia, Rome City SD; Tonya Beers, Intern Rome City SD; Heather Urtz, Mid-York Public Library System; Sue LeBlanc, Madison-Oneida BOCES

S. LeBlanc welcomed everyone and asked Laura Winchester to sit in as Council Chair in the absence of Tracy Mammone. Introductions were made around the table.

The minutes from the SLS Council/Communications Coordinator meeting held on February 15, 2018 were presented, read and approved by Council. The current meeting agenda was also read and approved.

**Review of Council member terms/vacancies**

Council members whose terms will be ending in June 2018 include: Tracy Mammone (Chair), Jackie Buzzard, Jackie Groves, Kalpana Lennox, Tina Toglia, Heather Urtz, Louise Rutherford, Kellie Ramer. All attending council members whose current terms will expire in June agreed to continue as Council representatives: Jackie Buzzard, Jackie Groves, Kalpana Lennox, Tina Toglia, Heather Urtz. S. LeBlanc will reach out directly to members from Camden and NYSSD to determine Council representation plans for the 2018-2021 period.

**2018-19 Budget proposals**

Because the State Aid amounts are not yet fixed, it was agreed that the budget proposal be presented, discussed, and voted on with the understanding there may be adjustments once these State Aid figures are released.

S. LeBlanc requested ideas for 18-19 mini-grants to promote collaborative partnerships between school librarians and teachers. After a lengthy discussion, an “Expanding our World” grant was agreed upon. S. LeBlanc will create a draft grant application for Council’s review.

J. Groves made a motion to approve the proposed budget and it was seconded by K. Strohmeyer. The 18-19 budget proposal was approved.

**Resource Sharing**

The new union server installation is scheduled to be completed over the upcoming Spring Recess.

The Union catalog (CIDER) would benefit from the cleanup of duplicate records. Our part-time cataloguing clerk is of great assistance with M-O’s catalog records. A plan at the CIDER Union level will be the most effective approach. One soon-to-be-released feature that A Quick Item Entry fix that requires an ISBN #. S. LeBlanc will continue a discussion with the other SLS Directors in the Union regarding improvements moving forward.
The SLS is working with Overdrive Ebooks to set up a shelf will be made available to secondary level libraries. Schools have the additional option of purchasing ebooks for their local collections, only.

Big Books will be considered to be shared with the Mid-York Public Libraries for the Family Reading programs.

Collaborations/Grants
H. Urtz from Mid-York spoke about the New Initiatives Grant from CLRC involving school libraries and public libraries partnerships over the summer. She and S LeBlanc are applying to the grant as collaborating partners. More information will be shared with the region’s librarians soon, as appropriate.

Technology Integration
The CIS STEAM collection continues to be developed. The items are still in high demand, and being used by many of our librarians. The media librarian has been facilitating workshops in the "Learn and Borrow" series to familiarize educators with the items so they can successfully and meaningfully integrate them into classrooms.

PD/Continuing Education
May 22nd is the Administration Breakfast; registration is now open now on MLP. Also the Teacher, Librarian and Administrator or the year applications are currently being collected.

There will be two SLS-hosted workshops this summer on 8/21. Facilitator Kristin Fontichiaro will host “Toy Take Apart” and “Storytelling with Data.” Additionally, there will be STEAM-related workshops hosted by CIS that school librarians may take advantage of.

There have been 5 responses to the interest survey for librarians regarding Regional PLCs. We will look at starting one in the fall.

Leatherstocking Conference will be held on October 18, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Utica. S LeBlanc contacted the RIC Director to discuss options for running substitute teacher pay through the Model Schools Coser. The Director indicated that it can be done. Additionally, M-O BOCES districts may cross-contract with OHM BOCES to run the cost of conference registration through their Coser. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Awareness & Advocacy
The news was announced that there will be a $1 million increase in state library aid and $64 million increase in library construction aid.

Next meeting:
The next combined Council & Communication Coordinators meeting will be May 22, 2018 from 10:15 – 11:00 am following the Administrator Breakfast at Vernon Downs.

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Groves and seconded by H. Urtz. Motioned carried.