School Library System Council  
and Communications Coordinators Meeting  
May 22, 2018, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Vernon Downs Hotel, Vernon, NY

Attendance: SLS Council: Tracy Mammone, Council Chair, Canastota CSD; Jaclyn Buzzard, VVS CSD; Jackie Groves, Morrisville-Eaton CSD; Kalpana Lennox, Oneida City SD; Ellen DuPree, NYSSD; Louise Rutherford, Camden CSD; Kristin Strohmeyer, Hamilton College; Heather Urtz, Mid-York Library System; Marc Wildman, CLRC; Laura Winchester, Madison CSD; Sue LeBlanc, Madison-Oneida BOCES  
SLS Committee Coordinators: Jennine Bloomquist, Camden CSD; Nicole Chase Iverson, Rome City SD; Ellen Dupree, NYSSD; Amanda Ingalls, Stockbridge Valley CSD; Tina Laramie, VVS CSD; Tracy Mammone, Canastota CSD and Laura Winchester, Madison CSD.

S. LeBlanc welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the tables.

The minutes from the SLS Council Meeting held on April 5, 2017 were presented. A motion was made by L. Rutherford to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by J. Bloomquist. Motion carried.

Council Election/Communication Coordinator Representatives
- Beginning with the 18-19 school year, the New York State School for the Deaf has requested to change their Council representative. The Council would like to thank teacher Kelli Ramer for her service and will move forward with the appointment process for the new Council representative.
- At the April Council meeting, those Council members with a term expiring in 2018 agreed to stay and continue to represent their respective school districts.

Plan of Service

Advocacy & Budget
- With NYLA advocacy, funding for library systems has remained at approximately the same level as last year, with a $1 million increase, which was a win due to Cuomo’s original proposal for a cut. Additionally, library construction aid was increased to an unprecedented $34 million from the previous $10 million.
- On a sad note, the New York State Librarian Bernie Margolis passed away.

Collaboration/Next Year's Initiatives: S. LeBlanc announced that CIS/SLS has been restructured to the instructional side of MO BOCES. It is now part of the Staff and Curriculum Development (SCD) Department, directed by Edward Rinaldo. This move will help the SLS be more integrated with curriculum and instruction initiatives, as school libraries are. S. Leblanc encouraged librarians to take advantage of SCD’s summer Literacy Conference, a 2 day event at Vernon Downs. There will be a "Book Tasting" workshop by S. LeBlanc and J. Cornue.

Grants:
- The Central New York Library Resources Council, directed by Marc Wildman, was recognized for awarding the New Initiatives Grant. M-O’s grant co-applicant, Mid York Public Library System, and their collaborator, Heather Urtz, were also recognized for helping to make the public library connection to
school libraries. So far 14 school librarians from the M-O region have applied to take part in the grant together with 7 public library co-applicants. The grant work will take place this summer.

- The "Expand Your World" grant is being worked on and should be out soon, for roll out in the 18-19 school year. This grant is intended to connect students with people and organizations from across the world via video/digital means, while developing their communication skills in “real life” contexts.

**Resource Sharing & Technology**

- Work continues on the Overdrive eBook database to provide a shelf for secondary schools. There will be a meeting on June 13th to share updated on the project.
- IP addresses for all the school districts will be changing as of July 1st. The SLS will be in communication with all database vendors to ensure continued access to digital resources.
- Tomorrow (May 23) there will be a regional OPALS training held at Costello Conference Room.
- D. Becker of Oneida CSD was accepted as a REALISD fellow at University of Buffalo, for a program focused on teaching school librarians serving rural districts to integrate STEM into the curriculum.

**Continuing Education:**

- Leatherstocking Conference announced for October 18, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Utica. A CoSer will be set up by Model Schools to handle the substitute situation, and also the option for cross-contracting for registration costs. S. LeBlanc will send out more information when available.
- L. Rutherford highlighted the "Project Fibronacchi" which is a camp for educators to be held Oct. 19th in Rome.
- The flyers for summer STEAM workshops will be out soon.

Motion was made to adjourn by L. Winchester and seconded by H. Urtz. Motioned carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.