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

Attendance: SLS Council: Laura Winchester, acting-Council 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  
S. LeBlanc read the names of Council member’s whose terms would be ending soon. Usually the policy of a two year term is not held strictly to. All council members present agreed to stay on. S. LeBlanc said if anyone discovers an issue arising over their term limit, to please email her. The Hamilton CSD Superintendent Cindy Stocker will be joining our combined meeting on May 22nd after the Administrators Breakfast.

2018-19 Budget proposals

Because the State Aid amounts are not yet fixed, it was agreed that the proposal be read and approved with the understanding there may be changes once these State Aid figures are released.

S. LeBlanc indicated she would like to expand Cathi Brewer's hours to include some summer work days.

The union server will soon be installed and will not be as big of an expense in the 18-19 budget. It was agreed to reduce the Line 441 Consultants to $13,000 and increase Line 300 by $500 to maybe add another Literary Workshop.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning mini-grants and other grants to promote collaborative partnerships. K. Lennox suggested mini-grants for PBL. J. Groves suggested that if the PBL direction seemed too big, then the grant could be called Collaborative Experiences, such as PBL or other experiences in technology and software. S. LeBlanc suggested an "Expanding your world" grants that could include virtual fieldtrips, skyping, author visits, etc. K. Strohmeyer suggested that the Hamilton College monthly exhibits were a great place for field trips for students. The subjects, times and dates could be checked out on the Hamilton College website. She indicated that even senior classes were enthralled by some of these exhibits.

S. LeBlanc agreed to write up these suggestions and send out.
Author and performer visits were discussed. It was suggested that a list of successful visits be included on the SLS webpage. H. Urtz suggested that to bring down the prices of performer visits, schools could coordinate with the Mid York public libraries so authors/performers costs could be shared. It was also suggested that more authors hold sessions at the Leatherstocking Conferences, perhaps designating certain grade levels. J. Groves suggested that our SEBCO book contact Claudio Salamone could possibly suggest some area authors that might attend since he is from the Syracuse area.

S. LeBlanc indicated that she will start a Google Doc so everyone could honestly comment on their performer's visit.

J. Groves made a motion and it was seconded by K. Strohmeyer to approve the budget. Budget proposal was approved.

**Resource Sharing**
The new union server installation should be completed over the upcoming Spring Recess.

The Union catalog (CIDER) is in the process of a much needed cleanup of duplicate records. Dawn Lehnen is doing a great job on our portion of the catalog. S. LeBlanc said she needs to have a conversation with the other BOCES directors to have them look at their MARC record duplicates. A Quick Item Entry fix that requires an ISBN # is being worked on by Media Flex.

The Overdrive Ebook Shelf will be made available to secondary level libraries.

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 involving school libraries and public libraries over the summer. Grants should be in place in another 2 weeks. The reaction to this is positive.

**Technology Integration**
Overdrive ebooks are in the works.
CIS STEAM items are continuing to be developed. They are still in high demand. Cathi continues to put on wonderful demonstrations and workshops entitled "Learn and Borrow" to get teachers familiar with the items so they can demonstrate them in classrooms.

**PD/Continuing Education**
May 22nd is the Administration Breakfast and sign up is open now on MLP. Also the Teacher, Librarian and Administrator or the year applications are in the works and going well.

Workshops are schedules for the Summer PD.

There have been 5 responses to the Regional PLC updates.

Leatherstocking Conference is October 18, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Utica. Heather Mahoney was in touch with S. LeBlanc about the Models Schools CoSer still providing substitutes for Teacher Librarians to attend. More information on this will be forthcoming.
**Awareness & Advocacy**

The news was announced that there will be 1 million dollars more for library aid and 64 million for construction aid.

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

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