Teacher Center Meeting 5/23/18 @ Depew High School

Present: Elizabeth Dunne, Paul Cary, Susan Frey, Elizabeth Freas, Cheryl Keller, Colleen Schafer, Meri Tomasulo-Pellow, John Arcese, Nancy Lalley, Greg Heer

Absent: Kelly Talbot, Kristin Overholt, Dana Besch, Jaime Garver, Leann Haj, Jim Cercone, Judi Roberson, Dave Hall, Nicole Roberson

Nancy Lalley called the meeting to order@ 12:36 PM

* Approval of December Minutes -Motion to approve: Jen Cordon – Seconded by John Arcese
* Approval of March Minutes – Motion to approve: Colleen Schafer – Seconded by Cheryl Keller
* Budget Report
* 952 – Jon to prepare budget amendments to correct the negative balances on the report. End of year summer conference keynote speaker fee (John Perricone) to come out of this budget code
* 862 (Grant) There is an unencumbered balance of $6713.16 in the supplies line of this budget code. Motion made by Paul Carey to allow $1500.00 per district for the purchase of Maker Space/Stem kits to be housed at the districts. Motion seconded by Elizabeth Dunne. Motion carried
* Each district to let Jon know by June 8th what they want to order so a purchase order can be processed for Amazon.
* Director’s Report:
* Far West Regional Meeting – End of the year documentation for the state
* 2018-2019 Grant –Has been cut to $36,251 for next year which is $13891 less than the $50,141 received this year. This will have a large impact on the TC budget. Mindful spending of TC funds will be necessary.
* FS10 – Not yet completed. It takes longer to prepare than anticipated. This will have to be voted on. Jon to email survey when complete. Members will be allowed to vote electronically.
* Declaration of Participation -Needs to be signed (in blue ink) by the district superintendent and by the teacher bargaining agent and sent to Erie 1 BOCES in interoffice mail by June 1, 2018

Old Business: Save the date

* Culture, Community and the Classroom – Local Learning Network offering a free professional development workshop at the Erie1 BOCES Education Campus for teachers and local folk artists on August 21-22, 2018, focusing on local diversity and traditions. A flyer was distributed to the group with registration information. Up to 12 CTLE hours may be earned. Jon to send more information electronically. Board members asked to share information with their teachers.
* Two spots/district for Phase 2 (by invitation only)
* Inspiring Beginnings: Teacher Center Conference on Monday August 13, 2018

Location – Buffalo State College Math and Science Building

1. Conference will run from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and be worth 5 CTLE hours

Keynote: John Perricone will present for an hour and a half (9:00 am – 10:30 am)

There will be an author “Meet the Author” session. Jon Erwin to ask John Perricone to donate a few of his books for raffles

1. The conference is free of charge and participants will have lunch on their own
2. Breakout sessions – Need to be diverse. Maximum participants for each session should be limited to 20. Jon to post a google doc for presenter sign up.
3. Jon to reach out to Erie 1 BOCES teachers who have presented in the past
4. Ideas from board members for breakout session topics included:

SEi; restorative practices; mindfulness; character education; The Leader in Me; relationship building; fun/humor in the classroom; 7 habits; integrating social & emotional learning; mental health; technology integration/collaboration; self-care; yoga in the classroom

1. Asking for 2 presenters from every district Presenters will be paid $100.00 per workshop ($200 per district) this will come out of the 862 Grant Budget?
2. Jon to email Jim Cercone @ Buffalo State – Jim may have presenters and students to assist with the event. Jon will also send out a flyer in the next couple of days with hyperlink for registration.

Subcommittee – Meeting dates TBD depending on needs – Location to be determined

1. 6/12/18 (4:00 – 5:30)
2. 7/18/18 (9:30 -11:00) – (If needed)
3. 8/9/18 (9:30 -11:00)

New Business

* 2018-2019 RFP Review – 49 RFPs submitted, 40 were approved, 8 were declined by the board and 1 (Google Classroom was approved with the condition of reducing the 10 hr. course time to 6 hours (2 sessions -3 hours each session)
* There continues to be problems with getting payment from registrants who have signed up for online courses but did not finish them.

One suggestion was to make the instructors more accountable for their success rate. (Six people finish this course or you will not be paid)

Another suggestion was to have participants pay electronically at the point of registration and electronically prevent registration for any registrants who have unpaid course fees.

* 2018-2019 Board Membership
* Jen Cordon and Jaime Garver both from Depew will be resigning their seats
* Elizabeth Dunne and Cheryl Keller from Clarence are both retiring
* Policy Board Meeting Dates 2018-2019 (Proposed)
  1. Wednesday, September 19, 2018 12:30 – 2:30 PM @ Erie 1 BOCES Meeting Room A-3
  2. Wednesday, December 5, 2018 9:30 – 11:30 AM @ Clarence CSD
  3. Wednesday, March 6, 2019 12:30 – 2:30 PM @ Lancaster CSD
  4. Wednesday, May 8 , 2019 9:30 – 11:30 AM @ Depew CSD

Motion to adjourn by John Arcese - seconded by Colleen Schaefer

Next Teacher Center Policy Board meeting:

Date: Wednesday – September 19, 2018.

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Erie 1 BOCES - Building A/Meeting Room A-3