**Western New York Teacher Center**

**Policy Board Meeting**

**December 4, 2019**

**Minutes**

*Location:* Clarence High School, Conference Room C, Main Street, Clarence, NY.

*Present:* Jon Erwin (Director), Greg Heer, Meri Tomasulo-Pellow, Rosalyn Vasi, Ronald Kotlik, Sean Muldoon, Paul Cary, Ashley Dreibelbis, Jackie Coyle, Anedda Trautman, John Arcese, Nancy Lalley, Joe Damato for Susan Frey, Donna Walters, Alison Camp and Mary Ellen Gianturco

*Absent:* Jim Cercone, Elizabeth Dunne, and Dana Stoffel

Meeting called to order at 8:32 am

1. New members introductions – Rosalyn Vasi – Art Teacher and Alison Cook – Math Teacher

1. September Minutes Review
* Motion to approve – Sean Muldoon
* Second – Rosalyn Vasi
* Minutes approved
1. Review Budget
* Motion to approve – Sean Muldoon
* Second – Meri Tomasulo-Pellow
* Budget approved

4. Director’s Report

a. Summer/Fall Courses & Participation

b. State Teacher Centers’ Fall Focus

1. Open Meeting Law – presentation provided
2. *Lost at School* by Ross W. Green –It explains a “Collaborative and Proactive Solutions” approach to support students with underlying problems and how to correct without suspension. There is a video coming out and there will be free screenings.

5. Old business:

a. Annual goals review

* Supporting NYS Mental Health initiative
* Supporting Innovative Practices
* Supporting Teacher Wellness
* Increase District Participation

 b. Things we can do to increase participation. (Discussions being had for a few minutes)

* Offer more free conferences
* Tap free resources: i.e. Grant funded Sandra Yancy McGuire – Teach Students How to Learn
* Offer more online courses

c. TC Policy Board membership

(E1B Teacher, Business reps.) – Still in need of an E1B teacher. Donna Walters is searching for one.

c. Winter conference – Jon has been speaking to someone to speak at a January conference in the morning on a Saturday. Though there are people willing to do this instruction, they are not will to do it on a Saturday. We would still like to do a Summer conference.

6. New business

1. Summer 2020 Conference
2. Date and Location:
* The Policy Board approved August 18,2020 at Buffalo State College
1. Theme
* “Inspire” was chosen unanimously
1. Google Signs (S. Muldoon)

Sean Muldoon will be taking care of the directional signs for the Conference.

1. Coffee? Boxed lunch? (Jim C.)

Jon will email Jim Cercone for these items and the cost directly from Buffalo State. He will also check on the pre-ordering of lunches and the possibility of the use of some funds to cover that cost.

1. Partners (Ron K.)

Buffalo State, EPIC, and the Parent Network at Clarence Family Support Center were suggested as partners. Communicating with them asap is critical.

1. RFP’s and course proposals

All proposed classes were approved.

Any other business? No comments

* Motion to adjourn – Sean Muldoon
* Second – Donna Walters
* Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am