TST BOCES School Library System Council Meeting

9.29.14
TST BOCES/Board Room. 3:30 – 5:00

Minutes
Attendees: Sherry Altman, Joanne Church, Ben Eckley, Alice Ball, Lisa Peter, Alexandra Spencer, Maureen Gilroy, Margo Gustina, Nick Johnson, Sarah Glogowski, Joyce Lawrence, Gail Brisson, Pat Berry, Andy Dutcher, Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Kathy McHugh, Neil Farley, Natalya Pikulik, Cara Putnam, Neil Farley, Pat Musa, Jane O’Brien

Presentations:
*Margo Gustina and Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Director of SCRLC: History Unbound: SCRLC’s Teaching with Primary Sources. See instructional possibilities and summer workshop outcomes as a result of this grant opportunity successfully landed by SCRLC! http://scrlc.libguides.com/historyunbound

Outcome: Teacher Librarians will send Jane dates of their upcoming district library meetings this fall. All teacher librarians will provide data to result in construction of walkthrough data checklist for their building administrators to review as they conduct walkthroughs during the academic year. Data will align with the NYSED School Library Media Program Evaluation (SLMPE) rubric (which also aligns with Danielson rubric). All libraries complete the evaluation every 5 years (next one is due September, 2015) and discuss with their building administrator. In addition, a copy of Engaging Teachers in Classroom Walkthroughs, ASCD, will be provided to each district’s SLS rep to Council.

Outcome: Follett Destiny settings are flexible in general. When a teacher librarian wishes to change an existing, he/she should inform Jane so she can research the impact of that change. Proposed change will be discussed at any next Council meeting and either implemented or not. An exception to flexibility was discussed: student privacy relative to circulation of library resources. Follett Destiny supports our NYS Education Law that prohibits all libraries from keeping records of titles checked out by students/teachers. In order to support reader advisory, other efforts were discussed.

Outcome: AXIS 360 (Baker & Taylor), and ebook format will be available soon. Each library will be entitled to purchase $250 worth of ebooks in any genre. TST BOCES SLS will also have an account. The BOCES account will purchase titles selected by any of the libraries AND will purchase licenses for ALL libraries to access. As you may know, ebooks are not available for ILL, both in and out of our region.

Upcoming Professional Development (see MLP for detail):
*Tuesday, Oct. 7: Copyright Workshop
*Thursday, October 23: Teaching Students to Read Like Scientists
*Friday, October 24: Ask Great Questions
*Tuesday, March 17: Kathleen Odean; Great Books for Secondary
*October 6, 7, or 8……not firm, 2015: Judy Freeman; Great Books for Elementary

More PD opportunities and dates as they are firm will be emailed.
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11.3.14
TST BOCES/Board Room. 3:30 – 5:00

Minutes
Attendees: Sherry Altman, Joanne Church, Neil Clifford, Andy Dutcher, Nick Johnston, Joyce Lawrence, Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Beth McCheyne, Kathy McHugh, Pat Musa, Mariah Prentiss, Bev Wyckoff

Outcome: Regina Yeager, Follett Library Resources, provided a guided tour of the collection development resources provided by TitleWave and TitleWise accounts each of us has. Contact her with specific questions or concerns: regina.yeager@flr.follett.com or 888.511.5114 x3806.

Outcome: Teacher Librarians, and the look-fors relative to walkthroughs in libraries, continued to be discussed. District reps discussed the process being used in their districts and ways to ensure observations’ accuracy: student engagement, level of access to resources, group work, individual work and different approaches to differentiated teaching and learning scenarios were discussed.

Outcome: Advocacy was another topic that relates to the walkthrough. It relates to marketing the library’s program, resources, services in a variety of school settings: faculty meetings, department meetings, integrated curricular projects, etc. General prevailing opinion is walkthroughs are a positive time to connect with building/district administrators and promote as obvious. Additional discussion addressed the possibility of alternative assessments and their application to “library lessons” in the absence of the teacher of record status that applies to most of our teacher librarians. As the regional walkthrough document is constructed, Jane will continue to provide updates.

Outcome: FollettShelf access continues to provide access to our Ebook purchases. The process was reviewed and general tips were reviewed: most important is that logins are important and must be used to connect to the power of our automation system. Shelf, EBooks in general, Quest, Librarian operations within the system, etc. are the norm for teacher librarians but our work is to provide students and teachers with the same. Reminder: Login is your school email, school code (see your teacher librarian contact sheet), and ID...usually 9 digits except for TBurg, 6. MARC records are set up to open EBooks. Any issues with this, please be in touch.

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* April 28: Council Meeting and full-day PD; topics specific to library automation and library media COSERS
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More 14-15 PD opportunities and dates, as they are firm, will be emailed.
TST BOCES School Library System Council Meeting

APRIL 6, 2015
TST BOCES/Board Room. 3:30 – 5:00

Minutes
Attendees: Sherry Altman, Pat Berry, Gail Brisson, Joanne Church, Andy Dutcher, Joyce Lawrence, Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Beth McCheyne, Kathy McHugh, Lisa Peter, Natalya Pikulik, Cara Putnam

Outcome: Collaborations, specifically the quality, importance, frequency, and outcome of as related to library lessons/units of study is a continuing topic. Attendees shared specific strategies, outcomes, challenges, and current obstacles to same. General consensus was that the work is never done, every day presents new opportunities to develop our collaborative practice, and we are all mindful that development of the library program is a key professional outcome. Some attendees collectively thought that the work became less so as their experience developed and connections with individual teachers/programs increased over time.

Outcome: Questions about construction of the region’s walkthrough document continued. However, some attendees noted that the established walkthrough practices have remained to date and observations have been positive, supportive, and productive.

Outcome: LibraryTrac is a new vendor on our radar. The product has a variety of features to support the organization of operations-based activities. One feature was specifically focused at reducing the timing spent on students signing into/out of the library per period. SLS will pilot this product 15-16 in the libraries of volunteers and report back.

Outcome: 15-16 Online Resources ordering begins today. Please share the order forms with the teacher librarians in your districts. Orders are due to SLS office May 15, 2015.

Outcome: Media Catalog 15-16. Reminder that our shift from MediaConnect to SNAP Media Catalog begins July 1. Two years of prep! Finally! Access will be on the SLS webpage and of course, the link can be embedded anywhere appropriate in your school environment. The quality and quantity of the titles soon available to everyone will be most impressive to you and your teachers. You and your teachers’ school email addresses and initial PW (sent separately) will be front loaded so MOST initial logins will be seamless.

Outcome: Reminder: Do NOT barcode EBooks in Follett Destiny. Not necessary as explained and discussed.


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*May 6: John Lee & David Hicks; Social Studies Framework and Toolkit, Wells College
*May 13: Starr LaTronica; Elementary Literature Engagement, Wells College
*May 26, 27, 28: Book Expo, NYC
*July: Media Literacy Summer Institute, Project Look Sharp, Ithaca College
*Summer: Cool Tools, online learning
*August 2, 3, 4: Leadership Institute, Cornell U
*October 6, 7, or 8…….not firm, 2015: Judy Freeman; Great Books for Elementary
TST BOCES Council Meeting
April 28, 2015
TST BOCES/A14, 11:00 – 12:30

Attendees: Sherry Altman, Pat Berry, Kaitlin Bryant, Victoria Calarco, Andy Dutcher, Nick Johnston, Joyce Lawrence, Kathy McHugh, Pat Musa, Lisa Peter, Maggie Pitkin, Natalya Pikulik, Cara Putnam, Alexandra Spencer

Outcome: The Council Meeting was held during a working lunch on a full day of PD to identify a variety of changes specific to the use of technology applications current in our library programs. Input regarding 15-16 PD was provided by communication coordinators: less programming in the spring and more balanced throughout the year, continued focus on topics specific to elementary and secondary, workshops for library clerks in addition to one-on-one instruction, and a workshop in early fall for new and returning library clerks from all the region’s districts. Other topics were discussed; ideas will be forwarded to Jane as they evolve during individual districts’ library meeting. John Schuster of MediaFlex provided a webinar to acquaint us with the new ILL interface in SCOOLS. His handout will be sent to all and a copy placed on the SLS homepage when authoring/editing capability is provided. This access should be afforded SLS during the summer when a graphic design group will assume responsibility for the creation and maintenance of the TST BOCES page(s). The balance of the day focused on demonstrations of library-based technologies as well as a review of current formats and programs. Andy Dutcher shared his LibGuide (Dryden MS/HS): content as well as development techniques were provided in addition to discussion he led about how they are used/could be used. Teacher Librarians noted that access to LibGuides, and LibGuide development, is provided/supported by SLS.

Outcome: Rich Ruggiero, sales rep for Follett Destiny, provided an in-depth workshop before the meeting and at the meeting, responded to questions, concerns, and use of our automation system. FollettShelf continues to be a challenge to users and he was able to share some strategies for making it less so. New apps: Titlewave, Quest, Destiny Administrative, and Brytewave K12 were the foundation of many inquiries. Rich focused on Webpath Express which is another aspect of catalog development which we could purchase. Attendees were invited to provide Jane with feedback about this add-on after a discussion about strategies to ensure appropriate websites are noted in the preparation for teaching and learning initiatives.

Outcome: Stacy Knibloe, Gale, joined the meeting to respond to questions, comments regarding her presentation earlier in the day.
REMINDER
May 30: last day to request books through SCOOLS
June 20: all borrowed materials due to loaning school