

TEACHER CENTER of Broome County

April 5, 2011

Policy Board Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Sara-Jo Sites, Susan Halpern, Diane Richards, Kathleen Quaranta, Erin Hitchcock, Sheri Abdullah, Debbie Sluzar, Sharon Wells, Mike Sabo, Dawn Shannon, Bob Carpenter and Gail Szeliga.

ABSENT: Lisa Strahley, Kathryn Kear, Mary Hibbard, Starr LaTronica

Susan Halpern called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Minutes of March 8, 2011 meeting were adopted. Motion made by Sara Jo Sites, seconded by Colleen Cawley.

CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail was received from Jackie Parades, NYSUT lobbyist stating that Teacher Centers have been approved in the state budget for 40 % funding for 2011-2012. No details have been received related to the exact monetary award for the Teacher Center of Broome County.

A letter was received from Brian Sickora, CEO of WSKG offering the assistance of WSKG's education dept. in the event of no funding by SED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (includes financial report and other information items)

The Teacher Center's online course was very well received. 12 teachers completed the four week course.

NY state legislature has appropriated funds to continue the Albert Shanker grant program 2011-2012.

Plans are under way for another para-educator workshop series in May entitled "Developing Successful Relationships with Students".

A Zoo Education workshop will be offered on May 3 at the request of a doctoral student at Binghamton University.

15 Cortland state student teachers visited the Teacher Center on April 4 for an orientation.

OLD BUSINESS

Diana and Susan reported more details on their meeting with Superintendent Buyck

Sheri Abdullah gave an update on the National Board Candidate Support Program. Final meeting was March 28, 2011. Five teachers submitted a completed portfolio. Four teachers submitted partial portfolios.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans for the future were generally discussed. Members were asked to think creatively about potential reorganization with reduced funding.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2011.

