

TEACHER CENTER of Broome County

March 8, 2011

Policy Board Meeting

Present: Sara-Jo Sites, Susan Halpern, Diane Richards, Erin Hitchcock, Debbie Sluzar, Mike Sabo, Dawn Shannon, Andrea Gresko, Diana Simpson

Absent: Sharon Wells, Lisa Strahley, Colleen Cawley, Mary Hibbard, Kathryn Kear, Heather Badger Brown, Sheri Abdullah, Starr LaTronica **Excused:** Kathleen Quaranta

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Diana Simpson.

The February 8, 2011 MINUTES were REVIEWED and APPROVED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12 teachers are participating in a Teacher Center online course called SMART BOARD BASIC (6 weeks).

The Southern Tier Network met on Friday, February 18, 2011 – More questions than answers were discussed. Minutes are listed below.

- What happens to your resources if you change LEAs...and what is the process of changing LEAs? Mary Ann reported that she is shopping for a new LEA, and that her print resources are going to a local library which has an education room.
- It is assumed that Consortia resources technically would be divided among their districts on dissolution of the center.
- Gail Moon has been moved to a different office. Nobody knows anything about TCs, as SED is (still) in great disarray—many people are being reassigned to RTTT duties.
- There is a question about how we could have been cut out of the RTTT \$, considering the fact that we were included as a delivery agent in SED's grant proposal. Doug Titus verified this fact to me.
- The Network will maintain 'continuation' status, as we are not entertaining dissolution at this point.
- Relationship with NYSUT and relationships with the locals. It is difficult for the consortia to keep much contact with the presidents.
- The big question: Do teachers really value us, and do they still want to have a say in their own PD?

NEW BUSINESS

A **meeting is scheduled** with BOCES Superintendent Buyck for Weds. March 9. Susan and Diana will attend. Discussion will focus on planning for 2011-2012 and the future status of BT BOCES as the Teacher Center's LEA.

A discussion was held regarding **spending down funds** by June 2011. Several suggestions were given:

- Keep the Teacher Center open during July and August 2011
- Implement the Professional Reading grant program
- Award each member district/non public a grant for a professional development program

OLD BUSINESS

National Board Candidate Support Program. It looks like eight candidates will be completing their portfolio this year. Two have dropped out and two are uncertain. Another all day NBC Candidate Support work day is scheduled for Sat., March 12, here at the Teacher Center.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for **April 5** at the Teacher Center.

