



Mid-Hudson Teacher Center

SUNY New Paltz
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POLICY BOARD MEETING Minutes

Date: September 25, 2024

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Arlington High School & SUNY New Paltz

Attendance:

Benjamin Liberatore - New Paltz CSD

Mindy Grey - Secretary / Arlington CSD

Aileen Basuljevic - Wappingers CSD

Nicole Altieri- Parent Rep

Karen Crichton - Spackenkill Union Free School District

Shannon Elliffe - Non-public School Representative

Monica Baker - Chair / Webutuck CSD

Sal Contes - LEA representative / Arlington CSD

Jennifer Ippolito - Wallkill CSD

Devon Duhaney - Higher Ed

Roberta Clements - Treasurer/ Beacon CSD

Absent:

Johnnieanne Hansen - Business / Industry Representative

Sarah Elia - Ulster: Saugerties CSD

Bob Bloom - At Large

Ruta Ronis - At Large

Corey Cavallaro - Ulster: Onteora CSD

Lauren Maggio - Vice Chair / Orange-Ulster BOCES

Quorum: Yes

Staff: JoAnn Murphy-Genter, Jessica Young

1. The meeting was called to Order at 4:37pm by Monica Baker.

2. Approval of consensus agenda - Monica Baker

Sal Contes made a motion to approve the May minutes and budget. Shannon Elliffe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business.....JoAnn Murphy-Genter

a. 24-25 Grant Status - Review Focus Areas

JoAnn checked the grant finance website for status of grant and it shows that 25% of the grant has been approved and Arlington business office indicated that they will put money into NVision. We can't write purchase orders/pay bills until money is in Arlington's Financial system (NVision)

b. Update on Art of Ed Licenses We purchased Art of Ed license a year ago. Every district got offered 2 licenses. JoAnn reached out to admin & unions at districts to get recommendations for the licenses. We were able to extend licenses to the end of September. JoAnn met with representatives from Art of Ed in early September. They gave some stats on usage: 6882 videos have been viewed, currently 122 packs, 58 logins since the start of this school year, daily views between the hours of 2-8 pm on Wednesdays have the highest activity (886) then Saturday and Sundays. They also reviewed top lessons in different areas. This resource has definitely been used a lot with some educators and the teachers indicated that it has been really helpful. JoAnn sent out a survey on usage in May and another one in the beginning of September to see what the usage has been like in self reporting. Therefore the question is "Can we get it again"? There was a discussion about if the Policy Board chose to purchase more licenses where would we take money from and how many would we purchase. MHTC purchased Pro @ \$419 per person last year which was a discounted rate due to the volume we purchased. Some of our districts have purchased their own licenses for their teachers. We did not put Art of Ed in our budget but there is money that we could move to do so. We decided that we would like JoAnn to move forward with getting current pricing on licenses and see what the demand is for the licenses.

c. Share new Gale Ebooks - One of the things purchased with resources that we had was Gale ebooks. JoAnn purchased books based on conversations with/suggestions from project managers and on topics people have been asking about. A suggestion to have a form so

teachers in the consortium could request books for purchase was made. We own the titles and they allow multiple user access, there is no recurring fee. The way books are purchased is by the number of the potential people accessing the books. We can only search for books we own. The link for Gale ebooks can be posted on our website and teachers in consortium can access & use them. Portions of text and chapters can be placed in Google Classroom/Schoology for lessons and assignments. There are different ways to search. These ebooks would be great for a book study. Many titles also provide access to links for reproducibles. Training on this resource will be offered at the end of October/early November and will be recorded.

- a. <https://support.gale.com/training/products/ebookpl>
- a. URL: https://link.gale.com/apps/GVRL?u=midhudsontc_pd
- b. **Access Code:** hudson

d. **Staff Updates - Collaborations with SUNY NP - Dean & StarLab** - Last year a new dome and projector system were purchased, Training for teachers was given at Dutchess BOCES over the summer. Another training will be given in early November for the Dome and r Stellarium software with support from SUNY New Paltz faculty. Some teachers were intimidated by the set up so Paul & JoAnn have offered to help with the first usage.

e. **Summer programming-** Was based on planning contracts. All went well. Classes were well attended - almost all classes were full.

f. **Career Planning opportunities-** Johnnieanne is our business rep on the board. She met with JoAnn and did some planning for the coming grant year. They discussed having an overview of the industry in the area and talked about the types of jobs and skills needed. Field trips to and/or panel discussions with companies would help both teachers and students become better informed on the jobs “out there” and what kids need to do to be prepared. Johnnieanne and JoAnn will continue to work on this to offer in the winter and spring.

g. **Youth Mental Health First Aid course** - New course offered through grants - nothing is changing however the instructor has asked for permission to give instruction on administering Narcan. The instructor has been trained and the organization is certified to offer this training so it will be included in the Youth Mental Health First Aid course that we offer. Vote was taken to include Narcan training in the Youth Mental Health course. Ben Libaratore made a motion, Aileen Basuljevic seconded and passed unanimously.

h. **Orange County Rep.**- We are still looking for an Orange county rep for the PB. We will also have another opening due to the future resignation of Karen Chrichton at the end of the year. Karen has recommended a middle school English teacher. It was suggested that teachers attend a meeting to see how they are run and learn more about the Teacher Center

i. **Other** - Policy Board recommended student workers will work at a rate of \$15/hr however, we need to align the rate with SUNY NP student rate which is \$15.50/hr. Motion to modify the student rate made by Karen Chrichton, seconded Dr. Sal Contes. Motion passed unanimously.

j. **New Instructors:** New Instructors were approved by Ben Liberatore, seconded by Mindy Grey. The motion passed unanimously

ii. [Maria Scarangella](#)

iii. [Maryellen Kieser](#)

iv. [Tom McAllister](#)

v. [Jillian Landsman](#) - a former student, graduated with a minor in Astronomy, has worked at the planetarium at SUNY NP, we would also like her to be an instructor for us.

k. **Meeting dates confirmed for 24-25 Grant year -**

Oct 22 2024 (JoAnn will send an email of change),

Dec 11 2024

Feb 12 2025

April 9 2025

May 29 2025

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 by Nicole Altieri, seconded by Aileen Basuljevic. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mindy Grey, Secretary.

