

West Genesee / Syracuse University Teaching Center
Directing Council Minutes
December 6, 2021
West Genesee High School LGI
3:45 PM

Board Members:

Teachers Present: Bednarski, Catalino, Ciarla, Coonce, Deemer, Finn, Hogan, Hudson, Kupinsky, Tyminsky, Uy

Other Members Present: Kastick, Leo, Przybylski, Toggias

Members Absent: Castaldo, Clark, George, Paoil, Personte

Quorum?: YES (15 of 22 members present. 11 of 15 attendees are Teachers)

Others present (non-voting): Kesel - Director

Chairperson Uy opened the meeting at 3:45.

1. Approval of the November 2021 Minutes – Mrs. Hogan motioned for the approval of the November 2021 Directing Council minutes. Mr. Leo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 2021-2022 Budget - Director Kesel stated that the National Board Certification trainer's first semester stipend will be issued this week.
3. Action Research ---
 - a. Mrs. Finn motioned to approve the funding of (2) Action Research projects in the amount of \$3000. Mrs. Catalino seconded. Director Kesel shared that the review team recommends approval. Motion passed 14-0-1 with Uy abstaining.
 - b. Mrs. Catalino motioned to approve funding (4) Action Research projects in the 2022-2023 Teaching Center grant proposal in the amount of \$6000 in stipends and \$1000 in supplies. Mrs. Hudson seconded the motion. Director Kesel explained that this is bookkeeping to start the build of next year's grant. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Collegial Circles --
 - a. Mrs. Catalino motioned to approve (10) Collegial Circles in the amount of \$18,890. Mrs. Bednarski seconded the motion. Director Kesel explained that the expenditure is \$100 over the amount budgeted for Collegial Circles, the overage will be covered from the unencumbered portion of the Action Research stipends. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Mrs. Coonce motioned to approve funding (8) Collegial Circle projects in the 2022-2023 Teaching Center grant proposal in the amount of \$18,880 in stipends. Mrs. Przybylski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Paraprofessional Academy - The Council reviewed Director Kesel's proposed budget for supporting TEaching Assistants. He approached Michelle Collier and Kristen Stone about leading after school workshops on PLCs at Work to continue the learning that many paraprofessionals took part in during August. He also created a budget that provided Early Literacy TAs and their cooperating teacher up to 1 hour of planning time a month (outside of the TAs' contractual hours). Director Kesel will communicate these opportunities with the instructional staff.
6. NYSASCD Webinar Series - NYSASCD is sponsoring "Making Curriculum Matter: How to Build SEL, Equality and Other Priorities into Daily Instruction." The Council will financially support 30 staff members' registrations utilizing the \$3000 in the budget. As soon as the flyer comes out from NYSASCD, Director Kesel will ask Mr. Leo to add the workshop to MLP.
7. Mr. Leo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Finn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.