

MSLA Board Meeting
November 18, 2009
Westborough High School

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm

Members present: Gerri Fegan, Carrie Tucker, Leigh Barnes, Valerie Diggs, Christine Steinhauser, Lynn Weeks, Linda Coviello, Char Sidell, Linda Kimball, Cecily Houston, Rose DeNucci, Maureen Ambrosino, Kathy Lowe, Linda Friel, Patsy Divver, Ann Perham, Sandy Kelly, Katie Cerasale-Messina

Consent agenda:

Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, President's Report, Executive Director's Report, Committee Reports
Motion to accept consent agenda – Divver; 2nd – Tucker. Passed.

One-minute updates

- Awards – Carrie Tucker will follow up with awardees regarding writing articles for the MSLA Forum and other requirements
- Metrowest Region met on October 29th – 18 members attended and shared best practices
- Northeast Region – October meeting on copyright and citing sources with Nancy Anthony had 35 members attending. Next meeting in Westford on 12/2 will focus on Web 2.0
- Central Region – Meeting on 1/19. Kathy Lowe will present on 21st Century Skills. Administrators are invited.
- Boston Region – BPS is committed to filling Director of Library Media position.
- DESE – Associate Commissioner in charge of Curriculum will be named on 12/10.
- Charles Fadel, co-author of *21st Century Skills: Learning for Life in Our Times* will be at Chelmsford High School on Monday 12/7 at 2pm. Administrators are encouraged to attend
- Retirees – Maggi Yates – has a proposal but was unable to attend the meeting.
- YSS – Final touches are being put on revision of young adult standards. They should come out in January for public comment. Maureen will announce on the listserv.
- Linda Kimball announced that Diane Libbey was honored by the Westborough School Committee for her MSLA award and was asked to speak about her advocacy for school libraries.
- Linda Coviello spoke about the initiative in Bedford to create smaller learning spaces. They are considering using the library space for reading classes and other uses, eliminating the nonfiction collection.

New Business

- New Student SIG co-chairs – Jamie Phillips and Alissa Rosellini from Simmons College have been elected to replace rep's that were elected last spring
- Budget – Amend Curriculum Line in budget for Thinkfinity for \$200. Motion – Sandy Kelly; 2nd. Passed
- Accountant – Linda noted many errors on reports filed by our current accountant. Gerri will write a letter to the accountant outlining the errors and the board's disappointment. Linda will continue to document future errors.
- Action Plans – All are complete except for Advocacy, PR, Curriculum, and Metrowest
- Advocacy – new position. Sandy Kelly is chair. Action plan is based on building coalitions and creating greater public presence for MSLA. Sandy listed organizations with whom we might form coalitions and asked board members to suggest others. She will post the entire Advocacy Action Plan on Google docs.
- Board members who attended the AASL conference in Charlotte shared information about the conference.

Old Business

- Mass. Reading Association – 4 or 5 members of their board will join us for a meeting at Chelmsford High School on 12/9 from 4-6pm. Board members asked to sign up to bring food. Agenda could include the AASL toolkit on the school librarian's role in teaching reading. Discuss roles and responsibilities. A joint statement might be a future outcome. Gerri will contact her MRA counterpart to set the agenda.
- Policy Manual – passed over
- Legislation Day – March 9th at the State House, co-sponsored with MLA.
- Bookmark contest – deadline is January 22. Theme is *School Librarians Teach It All*.
- November 4th State House rally – see President's and Executive Director's reports. Maureen reported that Laurie Wodin from Hopedale spoke about school libraries, challenges, what school librarians do, cuts that have been made and impact.
- Standards – Valerie has updated the Standards Action Plan to include the revision of the Model School Library Program Rubrics. Sandy Kelly has a list of members who volunteered to work on the revision last year. The original document is posted on Google docs. Kathy will share it with this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Lowe, Executive Director (standing in for Judi Paradis)