

Massachusetts School Library Association
November 17, 2022 4:00-6:00 pm
Zoom
Board Meeting: Executive Summary Minutes

In attendance:

Jenny Arch
Trent Bordok
Liz Cammilleri
Alison Connelly
Barb Fecteau
Michelle Fontaine
Deb Froggatt
Morgan Keohane
Emma Kwon
Laura Luker
Iris Santana
Tinamarie Sheckells
Amy Short
Colleen Simpson
Luke Steere
Ella Stocker
Jen Varney
Alix Woznick

1. Welcome, check in, call to order 4:07pm, approve_minutes of October meeting --- Jen. Iris moved, Alison second, minutes approved.
2. Housekeeping items --- Jen
 - i. Send web updates to webmaster@maschoollibraries.org. Please put your reports in the Board shared Google Drive appropriate folder.
3. Updates (if needed)
 - o Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine: Three reports in folder, total net worth \$99,364, including \$5300 for Paradis fund, \$17,500 from EBSCO, \$76,477 general funds
 - o MLS liaison update --- Christi Farrar: school library orientation completed, video posted and also shared via MSLA listserv. Look at MLS calendar for events.
 - o Advocacy --- Georgina out, see Deb's report in the folder
 - o Outreach - Debbie Froggatt: MLA Exec Meeting; MBLC has a new 5 year strategic plan, grants available if you have a strategic plan, \$3000-\$10,000. Legislation proposal in to MLA re: requiring all districts to have a certified school librarian.
 - o Office --- Jen reported for Emily: see report in folder
 - i. Admin letters - add your admin contact info
 - o Forum/Podcast --- Luke Steere / Ella Stocker

- i. New episode out— Ariel! Luke’s wondering: should we expand buy-in and voice with this? Ella and Luke set up the podcast account.
 - o Professional Learning - Alix / Luker: report in folder; requests for proposals winding down, deadline extended, please encourage people in your district to share the great work they are doing; working on keynote speakers and sponsors.
 - o Awards - Ella; drafting an email to the membership to let them know the updated timeline; meeting soon re: mission/vision statement for awards, researching and reading other organizations mission statements; next step work on forms for nomination; leading up to presenting the new format of awards at the conference.
 - o Area Updates - Area Directors: Boston, MetroWest, NE great event; Tinamarie reports two expert guest speakers re: online security, explanation, strategies and resources, will share with listserv; will be helpful for IF issues; Sue and Colleen aiming for next event online in January.
 - o MTA Legislative Proposal - Jen
 - i. Testimony given on 11/2; 2 year cycle for MTA leg committee, accept proposals then decide what to bring to a state legislature and they advocate for the proposal. Georgina and Claudia gave testimony, Sue and Jen present. Well received. Lesser letter and DESE response shared with MTA.
4. Date of December meeting
 - o 12/21 or 12/14 - Jen will confirm.
5. Strategic Plan update - Deb: notes in folder in Board docs from October 24th meeting; goal is June 2023, present to Board for approval in Sept 2023, GT suggested good to have time for focus groups; meet again Dec 7th. Jen and Barb will not attend focus groups so people can give honest feedback.
6. Intellectual Freedom update/discussion
 - o Our resources list and “Massachusetts Informed Parents” book list posted on our website. Please get a policy in place in your district, if not have a procedure, if trying to get policy approved by SC submit with others.
 - o Meetings with:
 - i. MLA (mtg Jen/Andrea Fiorillo 11/10): MLA would welcome an MSLA rep on the MLA
 - ii. MBLC (mtg Jen/James Lonergan 11/2): MBLC can help us get training and information out to school administrators
 - iii. Statewide IF conversation 11/15; Challenges still being reported; noise and complaints elsewhere in MA.
 - o Form an Intellectual Freedom ad hoc committee (hopefully make permanent?) MSLA to form an ad hoc committee: Laura moved, Jenny second, approved.
 - o Join / Endorse Unite Against Book Bans?
 - o Votes: MLA membership dues; committee formation; vote over email.
7. School Librarian Learning Network - Sue/Jen: grassroots way to recreate PD; ? would we open our area meetings eg doxing meeting recently; ? re: renew professional license, what is acceptable to DESE for PD for renewal; states have varying rules on re-certification and tracking hours; Luker added there is a short list of DESE approved places for PDP’s ; MLS does our PDP’s;
8. Other news/topics from board members: Discussion re: librarians being used as subs.

Adjourn 6 pm
