

Massachusetts School Library Association
June 15, 2022 4:00-6:00pm
Bolton Public Library in person and on Zoom
Board Meeting

In attendance:

Michael Caligiuri
Maria D'Orsi
Deeth Ellis (virtual)
Barb Fecteau
Morgan Keohane
Emma Kwon (virtual)
Emily Kristofek (virtual)
Laura Luker
Ingrid Mayyasi (virtual)
Donna Phillips (virtual)
Luke Steere (virtual)
Canice Thynne (virtual)
Georgina Trebbe (virtual)
Jen Varney
Alix Woznick
Ella Stocker

1. Welcome, check in, call to order 4:09pm, approve [minutes of May meeting](#) Laura Luker motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Ella Stocker seconded. Minutes were approved.
2. Housekeeping items --- Jen
 - i. **Send web updates to webmaster@maschoollibraries.org and work to keep your own web pages fresh and updated (no but really) and send headshots**
 - ii. Come to dinner at Slater's (356 Main Street, Bolton) and have a fabulous summer!!!
3. Updates (if needed)
 - o Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine - please read report
 - o Advocacy --- Georgina: -No current engagement task for the group.
-Supposed to meet with Katherine Tarca (Takes care of ELA/reading standards.) Instead spoke to Ann and Rubin. Had great conversation about school libraries and standards, curriculum. Talked about potential to develop standards or crosswalks. Putting AASL frameworks into practice has been difficult. DESE has requested AASL standards book. Long reach is to write a curriculum and go through the curate process and present it to the state of MA. Thinking about equity for all.

Georgina brought up that we are the only teacher group that does not connect with a standard

-MBLC has picked out databases for next five years. Pushed for PreK-3 literacy. YAY PebbleGo! An announcement went to DESE. Announcement mentioned access through library cards, but did not directly state through school librarians.

-Georgina invited to talk on NEASC panel.

- [Outreach](#) - Debbie: Attended MLA event on May 23-24. MBLC celebrated a successful budget increase. FY23 LSTA funding for grants focused on STEM and STEAM. Must have a strategic plan to apply.
 - Going to start working on MSLA Strategic Plan.
 - Deb and Jen Varney met with staff from Senator Markey's office about digital equity act. Discussion focused on can we get MBI to include some kind of educational component when they look at grant applications. Effort to include misinformation education when connecting rural areas to broadband.
 - Office --- Emily Kristofek: -Replacing Cvent with Wild Apricot. New system is almost a go. PDPs will be within the next week or so based on attendance.
 - Forum/Podcast --- Reba Tierney / Luke Steere / Ella Stocker: -Sending out survey to gauge interest in podcast and forum and how to better serve people.
 - [SLIDE study interviews](#) - Jen: Academic research project on loss of school librarians. Looking to interview admin in MA Deeth will be doing an independent study and going to SLIDE study meetings in the fall.
 - [Better Together](#) - MSLA, MassCue, MASCD, GBH - August 25, 2022 Mosesian Center for the Arts, Watertown 4-6 pm
 - Rep:
 - i. 5/23 & 5/24 - Deb attended MLA
 - ii. 5/26 - Jen and Deb Zoom meeting with staff from Sen. Markey's office about the Digital Equity act and the need for education
 - iii. 6/1 - Deb and Georgina met with DESE about Information Literacy (and possible standards?)
 - iv. 6/8 - Jen attended Oliver Jeffers reception at the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum
 - v. 6/23 - Jen participate in Book Banning Panel (Pride and Juneteenth event) via Zoom at MFS
4. [Proposed FY2023 budget](#) - 2nd vote - Jen: Second vote on budget. Nothing has changed since first vote. Motion to approve by Barb, seconded by Laura Luker. Approved. Budget passed.
5. Vote to approve appointments
- Laura Luker, Conference Committee Co-Chair
 - Tinamarie Sheckells, Northeast Area Co-Director
 - Alison Connelly, Northeast Area Co-Director
 - Trent Bordok, Boston Area Co-Director

- Sue Larson, Southeast Area Co-Director

Still need 1 Southeast person and 3 Awards people. Motion to approve appointments by Mike C, seconded by Ella Stocker. Approved.

6. Ad Hoc Awards Committee update - Jen V.

- [Recommendations from the Committee](#)
- Ad hoc awards committee met. Motion to adopt recommendations by Maria, Laura Luker seconded. Approved.

7. Strategic Plan planning - Jen

- Deb, Jen & Barb will plan over summer, will begin at Board retreat in Sept.

8. Annual membership meeting - Jen

- Tentatively scheduled for week of July 11th - guest speaker Sara Kelley-Mudie, Librarian at Beaver Country Day School, Database Redlining and Intellectual Freedom

9. Tentative meeting dates 2022-2023 - please review and let Jen know of any conflicts in the next few days

- Saturday, September 17th, in-person retreat (Selichot)
- Wednesday, October 19th, 5-7 pm Zoom
- Thursday, November 17th, 4-6 pm Zoom
- Wednesday, December 21, 5-7 pm Zoom (Hanukkah night #4) (would Dec. 14th be better?)
- Thursday, January 19, 4-6 pm Zoom
- Wednesday, February 15, 5-7 pm Zoom
- Thursday, March 16, 4-6 pm Zoom
- Wednesday, April 12, 5-7 pm Zoom (Passover Day 7)
- Thursday, May 18, 4-6 pm Zoom (Ascension)
- Wednesday, June 14th, 4-6pm in-person & social (Flag Day)

10. Other news/topics from board members

-Deeth will be attending International School Library meeting. Deb Froggatt will be on a panel.

-Laura Luker and Jen V are going to ALA Annual in Washington, D.C.

11. Thank-yous and goodbyes

- Departing board members: Wendy Garland, Ingrid Mayyasi, Pat Fontes, Deeth Ellis, Elena Schuck, Donna Phillips
- Thank you to Laura Luker!

Laura Luker motion to adjourn, Alix seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Adjourn 6:00 pm