

**THE TEACHER CENTER of Broome County Minutes:
Tuesday, April 12, 2005
Policy Board Meeting**



PRESENT: Evie King, Diane Richards, Kate Griffith, Tina Conklin, Diane Sheehan, Bob Carpenter, Starr LaTronica, Heather Badger Brown, Gail Szeliga, Colleen Cawley, Betty McAndrew, Mike Sabo, Sharon Wells, Sheri Abdullah, Cheryl Naslund, Carmen Ciullo.

ABSENT: Alice McNeely, Diana Simpson. Michelle Sexton

At 4:00 pm, Kate Griffith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The minutes of January 11, 2004 meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Financial report to date
- FS10A – The following amendment was approved by the policy board - approval to transfer \$12,000 from code 400 (PURCHASED SERVICES) to code 300 (SUPPLIES) in order to purchase professional development materials awarded by Teacher Center to Teacher Associations for mini-grants to their teachers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Heart Walk – April 23, 2005 – can you join us?
- Declaration of Participation – due no later than April 22.
- Teacher Center Grants to Teacher Unions – responses were received from 9 districts and 3 non-publics. No response by due date from: Harpursville, Chenango Forks, Wyoming Conference, Seton High School, Rainbow School and St. Thomas School. Deadline for acceptance has passed. All claims have to be submitted no later than May 15. Deadline is firm.
- Summer Study Groups – applications due May 15.
- Differentiated Instruction Conference on May 5 – 15 people have applied for a conference sponsorship of \$40, districts will pay substitute.
- April 16 – Co-sponsoring an Evolution and Science Conference with Roberson – 48 registered.
- Substitute Teacher Training – March 16– 26 attendees.
- NYSUT Effective Teacher Program – 2 free classes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd year teachers. All NYSUT Teacher Association presidents submitted paperwork except Whitney Point.

- Sagamore Spring Retreat attended by Evie King Colleen Cawley and Diana Simpson. The program was excellent this year. – Facilitation Strategies and Information.
- Staff Development through BOCES Network services – Kathy Harasta and Dale Birtch – April and May 2005.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Policy Board did not approve the following suggested revision of the Local Conference Sponsorship Policy:

*The policy board agrees **if funds permit** to support local conferences by approving a policy that offers up to 50 conference sponsorships for 100% reimbursable funding of registration fee up to \$40 if a teacher attends a TC approved professional teaching conference held in the Southern Tier area. Reimbursement will be made upon submission of proof of attendance (registration receipt) and a brief conference summary sheet.*

- Bully Prevention Program – Report by Tina Conklin

Meeting continued with SELF STUDY 2004 - 2005 – in the Binghamton Board Room across the hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by: Tina Conklin

The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2005.