

TEACHER CENTER of Broome County
February 8, 2011
Policy Board Meeting

PRESENT: Sara Jo Sites, Diana Simpson, Dawn Shannon, Heather Badger Brown, Susan Halpern, Diane Richards, Erin Hitchcock, Sheri Abdullah, Debbie Sluzar, Sharon Wells, Colleen Cawley, Andrea Gresko, and Gail Szeliga.

EXCUSED: Mary Hibbard, Mike Sabo, Kathryn Kear

ABSENT: Lisa Strahley, Starr La Tronica

Diana Simpson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Minutes from the December 14, 2010 were approved. Motion by Sharon Wells, second by Heather Badger Brown.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Para Educators Workshop was a huge success. It was scheduled for Jan. 27 47 registered so another session was added the following Monday. Attendees filled out a survey, answers were collated and document will be sent to all district asst. superintendents. We hope to have two more sessions.

Visual Thinking Strategies Team members each have had one session of classroom coaching and a group meeting in January. Nine teachers are participating.

The **Winter/Spring workshop schedule** was posted in January and almost all the workshops are filled as of this date.

Two workshops were **cancelled** due to the snow day on Feb. 2 – Smart Board for Substitutes and Teachers as Writers. They will be rescheduled.

An all day **Substitute Teacher Training** will be held on Feb. 24 from 9-3.

Cambria and Kalindi Naslund are sharing the **student assistant job** – Monday – Thursday after school.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from Kathy Harasta.

Policy Board reviewed a letter that was sent to Superintendent Buyck by Susan Halpern. As of this date no response was received.

NEW BUSINESS

WSKG has contacted the Teacher Center asking for clarification on funding and plans for the space. Due to the stations own financial worries the station wants to guarantee the rental income. Dawn Shannon will contact WSKG. The space is leased on the Teacher Center's behalf by Broome Tioga BOCES.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheri Abdullah reported that the full day NBC Candidate Support Writing Retreat was very beneficial. It was sponsored by NYSUT. The event was held at Traditions at the Glen on Jan. 22, 2011.

COMMITTEE AND LEA REPORTS

Executive Committee Report

- no firm plans can be made until we find out if we have an LEA for 2011-2012.
- the executive committee recommends that the Teacher Center does not dissolve
- there will be some money left in June which could pay additional rent for ht TC space or pay for storage.

LEA Report

- There does not seem to be any positive news from the state.

Next Business Meeting: March 8, 2011 at the Teacher Center @ WSKG.