

THE TEACHER CENTER of Broome County
October 12, 2010
Policy Board Meeting

PRESENT: Sara-Jo Sites, Susan Halpern, Diane Richards, Erin Hitchcock, Debbie Sluzar, Mike Sabo, Colleen Cawley, Andrea Gresko, Diana Simpson, Sharon Wells, Mary Hibbard, Kathleen Quaranta, Heather Badger Brown, Dawn Shannon and Gail Szeliga.

EXCUSED: Starr La Tronica

ABSENT: Kathryn Kear, Lisa Strahley

The September 14, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

Susan Halpern called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Kathleen Quaranta, the new Chenango Forks CSD representative was welcomed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (includes financial report and other information items)

- No update has been received on funding from NYSED or NYSUT in regard to the RTTT funds or the EduJobs bill
- Two BU grad classes were given presentations here at the Teacher Center on Sept. 21 and Sept. 29.
- 14 people have signed up for our all day substitute teacher workshop scheduled for Oct. 19.
- A series of workshops are being planned for para-educators with a start date targeted as October 28.
- There was an interesting article in NY Magazine related to the movie "Waiting for Superman" at this web address: <http://nymag.com/print/?/news/features/67966/>

CORRESPONDENCE

- An e-mail request was received from Finch Hollow Nature Center, Anna Kinney, asking the teacher Center to post a request for support on the listserv – TCUPDATE. Policy Board approved request.
- A thank you note was received from former employee Elaine Andrejko.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of co-chairs for 2010-2011 - Diana Simpson and Susan Halpern, were elected to serve as co-chairs for 2010-2011. They will also serve on the Executive Committee for 2010-2011 as noted in this selection of the bylaws:

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the 2 Co-Chairpersons and 3 other board members appointed by the Board for a 1 year term at the annual meeting. (a) The Executive Committee will be authorized to make decisions on behalf of the Board at a meeting that is open to the public and is announced on the Center website.

- Three additional Policy Board members of the executive committee for 2010-2011 were appointed:
 - Erin Hitchcock
 - Heather Badger Brown
 - Mike Sabo

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on the National Board Candidate Support Program. We have 13 teachers are working towards National Board Certification with candidate support provider Sheri Abdullah. If all are successful, we will have helped double the number of NBC teachers in Broome and Tioga County. Presently there are 10 NBC teachers in Broome and Tioga County.
- Policy Board Members were reminded that at the August 19 special meeting the Policy Board approved unanimously the following recommendation.

August 19 Recommendation: In the event that the Teacher Center does not receive funding by the October 12, 2010 meeting of the Policy Board, BOCES will be notified that the budget cannot support two full time employees and Kathy will move to a new position at BOCES by the end of the month.

Since no funding has been received Kathy Harasta will be relocated to another position by the end of the month.

- The motion to charge fees for workshops and workroom services during 2010-2011 was reviewed and discussed. Due to some serious concerns regarding collection of cash the motion was rescinded. Workshops and a limited amount of workroom materials will remain free this school year.

Next Business Meeting: November 9, 2010 at the Teacher Center @ WSKG.