NYCSLS Council Meeting #1 Minutes
New Visions for Public Schools, 320 W 13th St 6th floor
October 7, 2015

PRESENT: Linda Williams Bowie, Margaret Dennehy, Michael Dodes, Leanne Ellis, Richard Hasenyager, Melissa Jacobs, Jillian Lazaridis, Alison Lehner-Quam, Bernardine Lowery-Crute, Melissa Malanuk, Amy Mikel, Elizabeth Naylor-Gutiérrez, Emily Nichols, Christine Poser, Brenda Shufelt, Lynne Kresta Smith, Sally Young

Christine Poser called the meeting to order.

Nominations/Elections: Michael nominated himself to be vice chair and Amy seconded. Brenda can no longer fulfill duties as secretary as she is retiring. No new secretary was nominated at the meeting.

Budget & Annual Report: Ric Hasenyager reviewed the OSL Annual Report for the council.
- Last year showed an increase in participation in OLS professional learning workshops from previous years.
- The number of schools that are members was recalibrated so a school that wanted to participate in PD had to have an open library. Non-public schools are listed separately in the Directory.
- PD and member increases were between 10-20%.
- Budget (see handout from meeting).
- Following a question by Michael, Ric stated that librarians can use vendors with a contract who can follow the MARC record rules.
- NYC Reads 365 (independent reading campaign) has a November 2nd release. The NYC Reads 365 logo will appear on the front cover of all the elementary lists from Bound to Stay Bound. Any PK – 12 school with a library professional is eligible to receive the books.
- CCD Collections (part of state requirement for school libraries) – the collections were re-evaluated a couple of years ago and there are now 20 collections. Part of the reason for this requirement is to encourage Interlibrary loan although NYCDOE libraries do a lot of this through MyLibraryNYC and district mail.
- Conference Fund - $53,000 was collected from vendors. We have fewer vendors but they are more apropos to NYC school libraries.
- MyLibraryNYC covers consultants and some of the NYC Reads 365 books. $50,000 was infused into the Teacher Sets program and there is a big increase in the number of Teacher Sets

Professional Learning: Elizabeth Naylor-Gutierrez discussed upcoming professional learning opportunities.
- http://nycdoe.libguides.com/home has all PD in the calendar on homepage including the fall conference
- The LibGuide for the Fall Conference is online
- 270 are registered for the Fall Conference but OSL is hoping to reach 600
- can volunteer at the Fall Conference to facilitate a section
- Spring Institute is being planned
- Professional Learning (PLC) meetings are going on in the boroughs

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MyLibraryNYC: Leanne Ellis discussed updates to the program.
- Librarians can request individual items to be delivered to their local branches but not directly to the school.
- There is a mobile app.
- There is a LibGuide for MyLibraryNYC.
- The Bibliocommons tie in was dropped; it wasn’t being widely used.
- A lot more support specialists were hired.
- No more cards; teachers will just get a cardstock barcode.
- No barcodes for students. There is a flyer for students to go to their local branch.
- There are outreach persons and a help button on the LibGuide will give you their contact information.
- The price to be in MyLibraryNYC and to have Destiny is the same as the price to have Destiny but in the MyLibraryNYC program you can also have TitlePeek.

Committees:

Advocacy – Alison: the research guide has begun. Ric and Leanne will share responsibilities as the OLS representative on the committee.

Plan of Service – Lynne: Due date is April 1, 2016. It is on our website and the council members should look at it. There will be a vote on the Plan of Service at the February meeting. This committee has been renamed Legislative Committee.
- Ric – the Council directs the OSL work and what they want to the OSL carry out.

Grants – Leanne: Should the committee continue? The LibGuide already lists all the grants. Arlene is no longer a council member. The council agreed to dissolve the committee. Ric agrees and recommends grant committee members join the Plan of Service committee and Leanne join the Advocacy Committee. Leanne and grant committee members agree. No vote needs to be taken since it’s an ad hoc committee.

Technology – Melissa: The guidebook is online. Melissa encourages council members to review. She also requests videos, photos, etc. that demonstrate strong library programs. Linda - requested a tab for Campus Library. Melissa agreed. Ric added that a tab should be for communication for principals. This committee will be renamed Online Supports and will broaden the focus to all online resources and applications.

Recruitment – Sally & Ric: librarians continue to be a shortage area. Syracuse grant groups will graduate in June.
- LIU – tuition reduction – 18 teachers enrolled last month. 1/3 already in libraries (elementary Robin Hood libraries). The rest are the classroom teachers from recruitment events. 2 enrolled in Buffalo and 1 enrolled in Syracuse. OLS will do two more recruitment events this year. There are 9 ATR’s left.
- Ric – U Albany is releasing information for publication that our schools with certified librarians do significantly better. This is ammunition for the argument to the DOE that they should put on the online school snapshot whether or not they have a school library. The Directory has that information but it should also be on the snapshot.

The lack of certified librarians is a statewide, national conversation. There are not enough people certified and effective to take those positions. Of the 45 candidates Ric pre-interviewed 1/3 to ½ didn’t seem to be a good fit to be a school librarian. 80% of the people who wanted jobs got jobs.
The School Librarian Directory is available on the OLS website at http://nycdoe.libguides.com/home.

Other Business: NYC Reads 365 reading initiative:
- HVLA is advertising for NYCReads365
- 1st year – curated lists with 20 titles in each grade for K – 6 and then 20 titles per every two grades: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12. Three titles are series and the rest are a variety of genres to meet the needs of a wide range of students.
• It is not intended for every child to read every book. Some books are for more mature students. Every child will find at least one book on the list that they will want to read.
• Schools should market the books. OSL has created a series of marking materials. There are bookmarks and book lists for each list with borough specific posters. Schools will receive bookmarks and posters. The lists are downloadable or orderable online. At the fall conference each librarian will receive a package of books and materials.
• The books will be shipped on or around Nov. 2\textsuperscript{nd} for distribution.
• The public library will receive 3 posters for each branch and 50 bookmarks. They will also get a list of the books so BookOps can order.
• There will be a media event on Nov. 2 for the NYCReads365 release at a school in Brooklyn. The Chancellor and a well-known author will be there. There also may be media events in the other boroughs for local press.
• There are tie-ins with summer reading. The reading list from NYCReads365 can fill out the reading for the school year.
• The annual NYPL 100 book list has diversity in it. We want diversity in this list also. It is like an urban book list.
• Margaret: the Children’s Book Council would be interested in this list
• The book hooks are readily available to use as book talks.
• To get the books the librarian has to fill out the Directory and click on the button for the list.

Michael: have libraries shown their creativity by sending in photos? LibGuides will be released and we are asking people to submit.
Members updated the Council on new initiatives and programs.

Michael made a motion to adjourn and Brenda seconded.