



## **Library Council and Communication Coordinators Meeting Agenda 5/29/14**

### Council Meeting 9:00am – 10:30am

#### 1.) Newfane Public Library – Nioga

- Connected with school budget vote. If the school budget passes, the library passes.
- The public library saves money by not running a separate vote.
- The SLMS at Newfane is safe, the public library can not take over the school district library services.
- Public gives the library money, it goes together and the public library gets more access to budget funding.

#### 2.) Budget Issues

- Starpoint is hiring positions, yet trying to use Teacher Assistants instead of teachers. There has been a little reorganizing so no news on the LMS budget
- Newfane ½ of retirement positions not filled. Many varying issues with higher administration.
- Lew-Port no major cuts. They are not hiring for retirements, and moving teachers around in buildings. Library is state rate only, and still operating with part-time LMS at the Middle school.
- Wilson has closed 1 of 2 elementary schools. The elementary teachers are overwhelmingly not happy with the situation. They lost 6 positions.
- Albion, Della received her tenure. They have been letting go of new hires, and replacing them with more new hires. There are also major issues at the public library with the director being fired.
- Lockport has a retirement and many shifting positions and buildings. 3 elementary librarians, 5 buildings. 5 different cuts to teaching positions. They are now outsourcing preschool.

- WNYLRC received a 1% increase and are moving offices.
- Roy-Hart brought back Jim Trinder
- North Tonawanda budget passed this year, the MS received no library supply money and there were no retirements.
- NCCC (Jeanne Tuohey) is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year with no contract. Lots of adjuncts and teacher assistants, many feel you are not getting what you pay for.
- Lyndonville continues to have a strong library budget, but Bob Santella is still rarely in the library acting is the SLMS role. Bob teaches tech classes, digital art, not enough time with library.
- Niagara Falls book budget received small increase. There were no major lay offs.

### 3.) Changes to Council/ Communication Coordinators

- Ruth is retiring, will be replaced back by Janet Morrow.

### 4.) Closings or Changes

### 5.) – One Wilson elementary school

### 6.) Next Fall PD – Copyright, Kathleen Odean, others?

- Everyone is very interested in having Kathleen Odean come back out.

### 7.) NovelNY

- Most really enjoy the addition of Opposing Viewpoints, are hoping that it will remain.

### 8.) Other; (comments, questions, concerns)

## Communication Coordinators Meeting 10:30am – 11:45 pm

### 1.) Union Catalog- Comments/Discussion'

- Getting much better.
- Still few issues, but overall the usurers are getting more used to it and its features.

### 2.) Core Clicks

- Lindsay showed a video and demoed Scholastic Core Clicks.
- It is a great product
- Many felt it would be great with classes for centers and close readings.

### 3.) Social Studies Module

- It's on its way in the fall.
- Lindsay will make sure to mail out any information that comes out.

### 4.) Regents Research Paper – On hold

### 5.) Media Center Accounts

- All set.

### 6.) Ideas for next year – databases, services, council

- Many want more collaboration days.
- Lindsay will make sure to se-up PM sessions for collaboration.

### 7.) Roundtable

11:45 –12:20 Lunch

12:30 – End of Day

Preethi Govindaraj – Text and context Program Presentation



- Mixed feelings on product.
- Lackluster presentation.
- A few participants felt the content was way to high and/or out of touch with the actual student.
- David had caught a mistake in the analysis.