

MSLA Minutes April Board Meeting
Executive Board
April 14, 2008
Carlisle School Library

This optional meeting was for members of the immediate board. In attendance were Sandy Kelly, Kathy Lowe, Barb Andrews, Valerie Diggs and Carol Klatt.

Topics of discussion:

Annual budget: In an effort to save valuable board time a complete review was made of the annual budget. Draft for approval will be presented at the May board meeting. The resulting budget for approval is currently \$4000 less than last year. The major deletions were made under printing and postage costs, office assistant fees, internet access and conference AV costs.

Report of ELA Frameworks review was made by Valerie Diggs.

- More emphasis is to be placed on writing for different purposes and speaking.
- Composition strand is changing to “writing.”
- Research is to become a separate strand and include the ability to frame questions and conducting research using both print and digital resources.
- Standards will include conducting research, evaluating resources and communication information.

Brief discussion was held about archiving of our “cultural history.” Past records are now stored at Simmons College. Records of membership etc are currently online. Purpose of discussion was to assure that important records are not all stored in one location so they are accessible to others.

Submitted by Sandy Kelly
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