

Massachusetts School Library Association
October 8, 2024 4:30-6:00 pm
Zoom meeting
Executive Summary Board Meeting Minutes

Mike Caliguri moved to open meeting, Daisy seconded
All voted to open meeting - 4:34 PM

Barb Fecteau welcomed new members to the board:

Brittany Finkly-Smith - New to Board - Boston Co-Director

Attendance:

Barb Fecteau
Sue Larson
Deborah Land Foggatt
Mike Caligiuri
Liz Cammilleri
Aliz Woznick
Sue Doherty
Colleen Simpson
Brittany Finkley-Smith
Emily Willis
Annette Trosello
Jen Varney
Ella Stocker
Georgina Trebbe
Christi Farrar
Reba Tierney
Daisy Magner
Deb Froggatt

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting - Annette Trossello, 2nd by Emily, minutes approved.

New/Continuing Business

- Change banks - Emily Kristoforek
- CT/MA/RI Librarian of the Month - New initiative - need liaison.
- Boot Camp MLA “partnering” - Oct. 10 - Jen Varney is presenting.

- MassCUE - Better Together Speaker - MSLA invited to their event in November. Topic is Shared Responsibility for Student Wellbeing - data privacy, cell phone use, etc. Will be over Zoom.
- Intellectual Freedom Helpline (Jen and Barb for now)
- December 5 meeting in Worcester. MLA Advocacy. MSLA will have a meeting room for our board meeting and then we can join larger event. Meeting will be in person (and on-line) at Worcester Public Library.
- Website - discussion on moving to the new site.
- Bylaw review - at MSLA conference - Barb will lead.
- DESE SISP Rubric Update Steering Committee - Jen
 - 2023-2024 Piloted teacher rubric update
 - Jen Varney is the librarian rep
 - Need 2-3 people to help provide feedback on general rubric in October, and task force/working group to work the specific librarian part of this rubric in Jan-May
- Liaison/Committee Updates
 - Outreach - see report linked in Agenda for more details
 - Still working on getting on getting data request from DESE and to get onto the literacy launch with DESE
 - New MBLC Director Maurren Amyot - met with Russell Johnson @ DESE last week
 - MLA Legislative Year
 - Trying to find a way into school libraries
 - eBook bill looking for new sponsors
 - Legislative Breakfasts - Consider hosting or co-hosting with public libraries
 - MBLC theme “Empowered by Libraries”
 - Mass Center for the Book - consider getting involved!
 - AASL - Apply for Chapter Award for 2025
 - LSTA Grants - Now open
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - Net Worth as of September \$152,324.02
 - \$5484.84 Judi Paradis
 - \$17500 EBSCO
- Conference
 - March 2-3, 2025 in Norwood, MA
 - 50th Anniversary Party!
 - Jen Varney is Chairing the Anniversary subcommittee

- Conference Committee starts meeting next week
 - Looking for keynote speakers/themes covered by speakers
 - Budget
 - Call for Proposals: deadline of Nov 11th
- Regional Directors
 - West
 - PLC is now in its 10th year! So successful that Collaborative for Educational Services created these for other educational group
 - Central
 - Hoping to resume meetups at Northborough
 - Boston
 - Brittany and Trent met to plan the year
 - Southeast
 - meet-up/shopping event at Unlikely Story, Plainville
 - **Jan. 15 (Weds) OR 16 (Thurs)** - Zoom meeting to discuss AASL Best Digital Tools
 - Pixton
 - Sora (maybe we get Tressa?)
 - TeachingBooks
 - Wild Classroom
 - **Feb. 13 (Thurs)** - Zoom meeting to discuss AASL Best Digital Tools
 - Book Creator
 - ClassHook
 - Copyright & Creativity
 - Diffit for Teachers
 - Metrowest
 - Meet up at some point this fall at a new bookstore in Natick
 - Possible group trip to Boston Athenaeum in the Spring
 - Northeast
 - End of Fat Bear Week brackets
 - Tinamarie and PJ are working on Lesson Planning event
 - Meeting right before conference to talk about how to promote MTCBA/MCBA
- MLS
 - New Member program - if you are interested in presenting as part of this there is a \$250 honorarium! See Christi with questions
- Intellectual Freedom
 - MLA IF event on Thursday

- We are one of 10 library associations that came together to create a “regional IF helpline”
- MTA
 - BTU was negotiating for librarians, still have not settled contract
 - Recommendations for early literacy instruction now moved from bill into literacy launch
 - Yes on 2 Campaign opportunities
 - Database of contract language for negotiations around librarians
- Advocacy
 - PD: Developers were notified, waiting to hear back to figure out curriculum committee
 - Looking for feedback on curriculum definition (see agenda)
 - MBLC: Hoping to meet with PR to start to raise our visibility in the state
 - Video promoting school librarians
 - Advocacy Letters
 - MLA Conference Proposal - putting a proposal in about collaborating on research with public libraries
- Motion to end the meeting: Daisy
- Second: Alix
- All in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm