

**Massachusetts School Library Association**  
**January 19, 2022 4:00-6:00 pm**  
**Zoom**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Jenny Arch  
Trent Bordok  
Mike Caligiuri  
Liz Cammilleri  
Alison Connelly  
Barb Fecteau  
Michelle Fontaine  
Deb Froggatt  
Morgan Keohane  
Emma Kwon  
Sue Larson  
Laura Luker  
Reba Tierney  
Georgina Trebbe  
Iris Santana  
Amy Short  
Colleen Simpson  
Ella Stocker  
Canice Thynne  
Jen Varney  
Alix Woznick

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of November meeting--- Jen. Motion to approve November minutes by Iris, seconded by Amy, minutes approved.
2. Housekeeping items --- Jen
  - i. Send web updates to [webmaster@maschoollibraries.org](mailto:webmaster@maschoollibraries.org)
3. Updates (if needed)
  - o Professional Learning - Alix / Luker: Conference planning is well underway, schedule almost set, \$500 approved to use Sched, Saturday evening event will be held off site at a pub, all are welcome. Awards nominations kick-off at the conference, and Luke and Ella will be conducting a roving podcast.
  - o Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine: \$98,610 net, \$75,323 available.
  - o Advocacy --- Georgina: Georgina explained the reason for the title Licensed School Library Teacher. It is consistent with the licensure process and title through DESE. DESE has a copy of the AASL Standards. Meeting January 31st. Schools are required to report the number of

faculty, question about how licensed school librarians are captured in the reporting process. Mass Center for the Book looking for activity of the month for children; perhaps we connect it to summer reading. DESE uses a DART tool for districts to compare resources and examine inequities.

- Outreach - Debbie Froggatt: Let Deb know if you can host a legislative breakfast. Deb will be testifying on Legislative Agenda Day to represent MSLA. Strategic planning focus groups are happening soon. Deb will compile feedback and present it at the conference.
- Office --- Emily Kristofek: admin letters mailed out. Conference in good shape.
- Forum/Podcast --- Reba Tierney / Luke Steere / Ella Stocker: Luke will do a podcast on reading loss and partnerships with intervention. Reba shared the forum columns are all filled, please comment, share on social media, like and give feedback to authors.
- Awards - Ella / Amy / Morgan: Ella shared the mission statement and rubrics drafted, motion to approve by Georgina, seconded by Barb. Rubrics will be returned to nominees at the end of the process so they can reflect on areas for improvement.
- Area Updates - Area Directors: Colleen shared they are having a virtual get together on 2/9; Canice planning an in person event; Alix suggested Boston Athenaeum.
- MTA Legislative Proposal - Jen: school library recommendations are included, this is a huge win. It will be shared with the legislature.

4. Strategic Plan update - Deb: See report.

5. Massachusetts Center for the Book Student Reading Challenge - Deb: Georgina and Deb spoke about the opportunity with Mass center for the Book to develop an activity for K-12 students. Ella noted MCBA is a big focus at her school. Georgina added the point is to inspire choice for students. Motion by Trent, seconded by Reba, motion approved.

6. Zoom - can we just renew 1 license? - Jen: discussion to not renew two licenses and just move forward with one Zoom license. Option to use Google meet. Options through Tech Soup. Can always add more Zoom licenses as needed.

7. Intellectual Freedom update/discussion - Jen

- IF ad hoc committee formed & met twice so far (aiming for monthly meetings). Discussion with Barb about a standing committee.
  - i. Laura Harrington is our MLA IF liaison
  - ii. Updated challenge data collection form
  - iii. Website updates
- Letter of support to Acton-Boxborough; remote testimony to Hanover SC
- Officially a partner of [Unite Against Book Bans](#) (results of online vote unanimous; via email between 11/27/22-12/13/22)
- Moving towards collecting information regarding complaints as well as formal challenges
- Jen shared a statement from the IF ad hoc committee.

8. Other news/topics from board members

- Grinspoon Foundation Request - Ella: former Senator reached out asking to share a book to support students' education around climate change.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ella, seconded by Trent, meeting adjourned 6:08 pm**

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