

**Massachusetts School Library Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29, 2016**  
**MSLA Retreat Notes**

**Attendees:** Anita Cellucci, Leslie Lomasson, Kathy Lowe, Robin Cicchetti, Katherine Steiger, Julie Farrell, Meg O'Neill, Liz Phipps Soeiro, Laura Harrington, Laura Gardner, Laura DElia, Laura Luker, Jen Varney, Jen Dimmick, Suzanne Mathews, Carrie Tucker, Reba Tierney, Kelly McManus

**Introductions**

Motion to Accept Agenda: Katherine Steiger  
Second: Robin Cicchetti

**Budget**

Move to QuickBooks (Some category changes by Jen, but no change in numbers)

Motion to accept budget- Robin Cicchetti  
Second: Jen Dimmick

**Board Changes**

Voting to accept new area director and advocacy co-chair  
Passed

**“Other” Old Business**

Compensation Committee- Request a small-group meeting to discuss, possibly virtual

Better Together- August

- Registration is low at the moment
- E-mail districts to garner interest

PLC Co-Chair- Still open.

**New Business**

ALA- Jen & Reba new AASL reps. Jen did a great job defending the Digital Learning Day commendation. Amy Short mentored, Carrie Tucker attended as President-elect and Anita attended as MSLA President.

ALA- Future Ready. One of the biggest ideas to come out of ALA for school librarians. Anita will write a President's blog, and more information about Future Ready will be in the Forum.

## **Strategic Planning**

Break off into small groups.

## **LUNCH (outdoor time)**

### **Whole Group Strategic Planning:**

#### ***General***

- Address "morale" - Celebrate successes
- Supporting diverse needs of our libraries
- How to support both paras and credentialed librarians
- Priority on recruiting diverse librarians
- Annual Report Collection with data points to paint a picture
- Adding "Library Teacher" to list

#### ***PLC***

- Emphasis on cheaper, free or on-line PD opportunities
- Tapping more resources in State
  - AD's take some responsibility for this
- Member Spotlight instead of Library Spotlight
- System for offering PDP'S, something tangible, badge system?
  - Hard to know passions, skills, etc. of whole membership, badge system could make it clear how members can grow as leaders and what steps to take
  - PDP's from DESE?
- Future Ready Standards- Integrate into planning
- Expansion of partnerships with MLS, presenter Boot Camp (leverage talent)
- Incorporate AD's under PLC umbrella
- Focus on new graduates/students from Library Schools, reach out and welcome them into the organization
- Future and Current membership as a focus

Anita will compile changes and get a draft ready for perusal.

## **Website updates**

Ann could not make meeting, but will set up Weebly Trainings. E-mail her if you need a training session.

More updates need to happen.

Goal- Update all pages by end of summer for Fall 2016. Other updates will happen at meetings/retreats.

AD Reports will be submitted each meeting, not each month.

Virtual Meetings- Skype? Other options? Google Hangout? GoTo Meeting (used by MLS, will NESLA pay for membership?), Zoom?

Call to Adjourn: Jen Dimmock

Second: Robin Cicchetti

\*Respectfully submitted by Reba Tierney 6/29/2016