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**APRIL MSLA meeting @ Westborough High School - Agenda**

**April 13, 2016 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Westborough High School**

**Skype link (for virtual attendees): <https://join.skype.com/zy9CcNma1voY>**

**Virtual attendees: Anita Cellucci, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ellen Brandt, Carrie Tucker, Jennifer Reed, Beth Goldman, Laura D'Elia, Suzanne Matthews, Ann Perham, Meg O'Neill, Kim Cochrane, Keri Johnson, Cathy Collins, Kendall Boninti, Jennifer Varney**

Cathy Collins took notes for Secretary Robyn York because Robyn's Skype wasn't working properly. Cathy's notes will be used for the Executive Summary and to fill in .

MSLA Minutes

\*Awards Coverage- just a few schools still remaining that need coverage

\*Book Fest- approximately 125 registered participants

- all expenses now covered; might even make a small profit!

-book list for participants in progress

- 119 people attending the dinner

\*Kathy Lowe's performance evaluation moved to May

\*Rubric, Standards discussion on need to update; agreed it might be better to hold off since so much is in flux at the moment

\*Legislative Breakfast training opportunity available

\*Robyn came in at budget discussion.

### **Budget questions - Anita Cellucci**

Anita C. asked board members to think about their budget amount, is it sufficient? Can you limit spending? Do you need additional money? At the next meeting be prepared to discuss your budget.

Kathy L. mentioned there will be a Breakfast on Breakfasts at CW/MARS office in Worcester on 4/29. This breakfast will describe how to host a legislative breakfast, and panelists will be librarians who have hosted them in the past. Keri Johnson also has an informational document linked on her web page that details legislative breakfasts - great resource.

### **Task Force - Summer Reading: Anita Cellucci and All**

Anita C. noted that many high performing schools are only requiring AP students to do summer reading, and she wants to see what the Board thinks about this issue. Is it one that we want to advocate for? Proposed coming up with a toolkit to share. This toolkit would provide model programs as well as suggestions and guidelines.

Jen R. wondered if libraries could invite teachers in to discuss summer reading books before students leave for the summer, to encourage students.

Anita C. mentioned that the faculty is often not behind the summer reading, and that contributes to students not buying in. If teachers support the program, then students will be more likely to do it.

Suggestions include collaborating with public libraries, publishing a white paper with suggestions and data, reach out to Mass Reading Association.

A proposed task force to investigate this issue will include MSLA members, board members and important stakeholders such as MLS, MRA and others to create a tool kit for districts that models best practice.

### **Positions - Spotlight (Maya Bery), Listserve moderator, job list moderator**

Anita C. asked the Board to send to her any interested members for these positions. These positions would open up in the summer and be for the fall. Listserve moderator does not need to attend Board meetings.

### **Brainstorm AASL Commendations**

Commendations from the AASL Affiliate Assembly

**Mass eBook Project:** Steve Spohn has reached out to Anita to discuss the Mass eBook Project. Ellen B. said that the eBook Project is cheap but difficult for students to use.

### **WGBH:**

The Board has recommended to the AASL Affiliate Assembly that Carolyn Jacobs, Senior Manager of Training and Educator Engagement at WGBH, receive a commendation for her her work with librarians on PBS Learning Media.

### **Promote Summer PD - Better Together, Edcamp - Laura**

Laura D. updated the Board about the process of putting together Better Together with MassCUE. Call for proposals went out today. The conference itself will be held on Aug. 25 at Lesley University from 4-7 pm.

Some Board Members were concerned about conflicts with school PD at the start of school. The Better Together event will be held in the evening, from 4-7 pm to accommodate schedule challenges. There will be an idea gallery with tabletop

presentations, similar to Idea Lab at AASL. Cathy C. emphasized that Lesley U will be a great site for the Better Together event because they have a vibrant MakerSpace, which participants will get to see.

EdCamp MSLA in September. Announcements for those events will be rolled out before the end of school.

### **Bookmark/Student Contest**

This year's Bookmark Contest Winner Presentation had changed, but a little challenging in how it was set up. Does the Board want to keep the contest or shift to another type of contest? Linda Coviello has stepped down from her leadership role on the Bookmark Contest. Anita sought the Board's ideas and thoughts about that contest.

The showcase format was popular at the Legislative Day. As for the Bookmark Contest, on the one hand, it brings children to the statehouse and their families, which brings legislators over to the displays. On the other, some libraries feel left out of the Contest because it may seem that it is more of an art contest, not just an advocacy opportunity, and seems like same schools win year-after-year. Cathy C. suggested that perhaps we could expand the types of media we include, maybe include library advocacy videos.

Kathy L. reminded the Board that we coordinate Legislative Day with MLA, so we need to consult with them they have a final word about the format of the day. The showcase, which was successful, was weighted more toward public libraries, and Kathy hopes to have more school libraries included. Kathy suggested that any showcase proposals for school libraries include students for the showcase.

Ellen B. suggested keeping the Bookmark Contest for elementary school, and add a video promo contest for middle/high school students.

Laura D. suggested that Cathy C. form a task force to explore possible changes for the Bookmark Contest. Cathy C. will take it on and form a committee to help formulate a new role for the contest. Theme being considered is "Student Voices."

### **MTA Meeting/MLA Meeting**

The Mass Teacher's Association business meeting is on May 13 & 14 at the Hynes Convention Center. Kathy L. wondered if anyone could attend or was planning to attend because it would be good to have MSLA representation and will put out an email to MSLA members to see if anyone is attending and can report back to MSLA. Sue Doherty and Diana Marcus are possible reps.

Kathy L. said that MSLA used to have a table at the Mass Library Association convention, which is coming up on May 16-18; however, the conference does not focus much on school libraries. It was decided that attendance is not required.

### **Track to Becoming School Librarian**

Judi P. reported that Carol Kelly took the changes from Carrie's subcommittee to her co-authors, and they liked the changes that Carrie's group made. She suggested that MSLA write a thank you note to Carol and the other library program directors. The board debated from whom that note should come- president, Carrie and her group?

Kathy L. asked whether the document was ready to be posted and wondered what the status of the doc is at this point. She suggested that it be linked under Professional Resources.

Judi P. suggested that someone on the subcommittee put together a short writeup for the forum along with a link to the webpage that will house the document. The forum article is due 4/15. Jen V. volunteered to do the writeup and will run it by Carrie before she submits it to Jen and Katherine for the Forum.

Judi P. and Anita C. will collaborate on the formal thank you note from MSLA.

### **Commission - What Happens from Here - Judi Paradis & Kendall Boninti**

There has been a little confusion about the distribution of the link from the school administrators. Kendall B. posted information and the link to the listserv recently, and will repost information and link to survey again before vacation.

Carol Gordon said that a return response rate of 20% would make the survey data valid. Ross Todd from Rutgers University will analyze the data. Does the data aggregation and interpretation lie with Rutgers or with MSLA? Carol G. wants to do a phase 2 program to gather some qualitative data. Still trying to figure out that piece of the survey.

Mitchell Chester first sent a wide scale announcement about the survey, and the second note went specifically to administrators and contained the link. The second notification was meant only for administrators, and they would distribute the link to their librarians. This survey is only for public schools, including charter. Private schools are not included.

***Special commendation: Judi P. wants to acknowledge Carol Gordon, Robin Cicchetti, and Kendall Boninti and the tremendous work they have done on the library survey.***

**6:04 Adjourn**