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Minutes
Policy Board Meeting
May 15, 2024

1. Cynthia McCarty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:16 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

-Motion to accept the minutes from March 2024 –B. Fregeau and second A. Waldron:
Motion carried, unanimous.

3. Fiscal Report

Denise submitted a monthly report of the current status of NCTRC (Fiscal Report Attached)

- -Motion to accept the fiscal report dated May 15, 2024 – V. Washburn and second B. LeClair:
Motion carried, unanimous.

4. Reports and Communications

Director's report attached

5. New Business

The director presented the FS10 for approval for the amount of \$190, 101 (same as last year). We are still awaiting the official award letter but the FS10 is ready to go when Plattsburgh gets it.

-Motion to approve the 2024 - 2025 FS10 for the North Country Teacher Resource Center B. LeClair and second H. Walsh. Motion carried, unanimous

The director shared some issues that were coming up with regards to printing at the NCTRC. Outside groups are requesting printing in large quantities more frequently. It is becoming a drain on personnel and equipment. The board discussed putting on limitations to who can copy and copy limits (teachers and pre-service teachers, SUNY students, limits of 30 - 50). The concern is that our center is here for professional development and is not a printing service. NCTRC will recommend CV-Tech and Staples for future requests.

-Motion to limit large amounts of copying (over 30) to teachers, and SUNY students for the purposes of education/school related needs and limit it to 30 (except in the case of policy board members). A. Myers-Lautenschuetz and second B. Fregeau. Motion carried, unanimous.

The mentoring program is finishing up for the year. The advisory group will have its final workshop in May. Moving forward the team will work on two priorities for the upcoming year: new teacher class(es) and mentor training. The group will meet over the summer to plan for those things.

We looked at the old Mini-Grant application and started to talk about moving forward. Denise will look at the application and put something together for the October meeting.

NYSUT Update

- Attached

Review Timeline/Upcoming Events

- NCTRC Monthly Meeting Dates 2023-2024
 - October 2, 2024
 - January 22, 2025
 - March 12, 2025
 - May 7, 2025
- ✓ Motion to adjourn, made by B. Fregeau, at 5:45 p.m.; seconded by A. Myers-Lautenschuetz
-Motion carried. unanimous

Next meeting will be October 2, 2024 starts at 4:15 p.m. @ NCTRC.

Attendance Records May 15, 2024 Policy Board Meeting Quorum Present

Present:

Cynthia McCarty
Jeanette Stapley
Kaitlyn Jubert
Vicki Washburn
Bethany LeClair
Melissa Niquette
Heather Walsh
Tammi Kreckel
Angie Waldron
Bailey Fregeau
April Myers-Lautenschuetz
Catherine Butts

Chairperson, SUNY Plattsburgh
Retired Teacher, Essex
Northeastern Clinton Central School
Retired Teacher, Clinton County
Plattsburgh City Schools
Bouquet Valley School
Willsboro
Moriah Central School
CVES
LEA Representative
Parent representative
Peru Central School

Also Attending:

Denise Sypek
Amanda Bokus

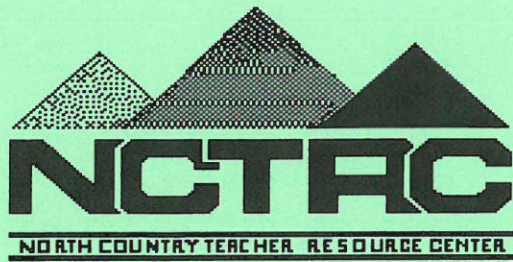
NCTRC Director
Saranac Central School

Absent:

Dan Liegel
Steven Patnode
Jennifer Goodwin
Kathleen Morse
Theresa Figoni
Jennifer Kowalczyk
Amanda Trombley
Kyle Lang
Laura Corey

AuSable Valley Central School
Chazy Central School
Beekmantown
Keene CSD
Saranac Central School
Business Person, Mountain Lake PBS
Northern Adirondack CSD
Ticonderoga Central School
Schroon Lake Central School

Minutes Submitted by Denise Sypek, Director 5/16/2024



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To: NCTRC Policy Board Members

From: Denise Sypek

RE: Budget

Date: May 13, 2024

Attached you will find the budget overview of expected revenues and amounts received in the NYSED account for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. Expenses to date are reflected in this report. Detailed spreadsheets are on file with specific categories.

Grant	Total Amt.
	\$ 190,102.00

<u>Codes</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Unencumbered</u>
400 P Serv.	\$180,212	\$59,575	\$9,016
450 Supplies	\$5433	\$449	\$0
460 Travel	\$2786	\$2481	\$305
Indirect costs PCS	\$1670	\$0	\$0
Total	\$190,101	\$62,505	\$9,321



NCTRC Director's Report

May 2024

Week of March 18 - 22

- Director Attends ASCD Conference
- TCI Training

Week of March 25 - 29

- Director Attends ASCD Conference
- Lora Parks Recor Class
- Student Teacher Seminar
- Student Teacher Supervisor meeting

Week April 1 - 5

- Nursing Faculty meeting

Week of April 8 - 12

- NYS Master Teacher Cohort meeting
- Go See the Principal class starts
- TCI Training
- Student Teacher Seminar
- Education Unit meeting

Week of April 15 - 18

- Poverty Simulation: JCEO
- Policy Board Self Study
- Laughter Yoga class starts
- Let's Make a Book class starts
- Look Beyond the Clouds class starts
- AI Class starts
- Outdoor Education class starts
- Lara Parks Recor class
- Practitioner's Board meeting
- Future Educators Day



NCTRC Director's Report

Week of April 22 - 26

- Director attends Policy Matters Meeting: Valcour Inn
- Hacking Classroom Management class starts
- TCI Training
- Student Teacher Seminar
- Adolescence Education Faculty meeting

Week of April 29 - May 3

- NYS Master Teacher Interviews
- DKG meeting

Week of May 6 - 10

- Director attends Eastern Upstate meeting: Blue Mountain Lake
- Co-Teaching class starts
- Out of My Mind class starts
- TCI Training
- NYS Master Teacher Cohort meeting
- AP Exams
- Clinton Correctional Facility teacher meeting
- Education Unit meeting

Week of May 13 - 17

- Policy Board Meeting
- TCI Training
- Disrupting Poverty class starts
- Final Exam: EDU 359
- Makerspaces Class starts
- Pure Grit Class starts
- Final Exam EDU 230
- AP Exams

Highlights of May 1, 2024, NYSUT Board meeting

Action Items

Minutes of January 19-20, 2024 Board meeting; Minutes of May 1 2024 Executive meeting
2024-2025 Governance Calendar
Endorsements (separate packet, available upon request)

President's Report

Microchip Company will be built with union labor

Summary of budget wins

- Restorations to Foundation Aid
- Fixes to Tier Six
- Operating aid for SUNY, CUNY and Community Colleges
- SUNY Downstate (there is money to devise a long-term plan)
- Teacher Centers
- Investments in the Science of Reading
- Rejection of IRMMA
- Extensions of Cap Waived for Retirees
- Many Threads, One Fabric (money from State for December conference)

APPR (on hold until after budget)

K thru 12 focus group

- Consideration of removing the master's degree requirement (coming from SED)

Disconnected: A convening exploring the impact of cell phones, social media and technology on children, schools and learning. (Refer to attachment for more details)

Organizing Victories

- 142 new units
- 21,000 new members since 2022

Report of VP Ron Gross (full report available, upon request)

- Leadership Institute, August 4, 2024
- LAP -many diverse participants
- Legacy fund - 60 recognized, \$27,000 raised, money goes back to Retiree Councils

Report of VP Jaime Ciffone

SED Updates: Best practices guide will be out in Jan 2025; Curriculum Resource Guide will be out in the next few weeks, AI joint NYSUT-AFT webinars TBA, certification changes – no action yet, Take a Look at ELL & S/w/ Disabilities recommendations plan project pilot tied to Blue Ribbon

Report of Sec/Trea Philippe Abraham (full report available upon request)

- Civil and Human Rights; Sticks and Stones Implicit Bias – workshops continue to expand
- Social Justice Academy, 2023, 2024, NYSUT ranked #1 in Making Strides Campaign

Disconnected: A convening exploring the impact of cell phones, social media and technology on children, schools and learning.

Please save the date and plan to join NYSUT and our partners in education for an important single-day conference this fall. The event will delve into critical issues surrounding the use of cell phones, social media and technology and their effects on various aspects of education, mental health and well-being.

Conference Details:

- Friday, September 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - Hosted by: NYSUT and coalition partners in education, public policy, and healthcare
 - Location: Albany, NY
 - Who should plan to attend? Educators and mental health providers, union leaders, school district leaders, parents, elected officials, and advocates who work closely with teens and children. Lunch will be provided.

Overview:

In an era where digital devices are everywhere, understanding the implications of technology on students' lives has never been more crucial. Their pervasive reliance on cell phones has raised concerns about the effect of social media and technology on mental health, with research linking excessive screen time to increased rates of anxiety, depression, and sleep disturbances among adolescents. A 2023 report by the U.S. Surgeon General raised serious concerns about the risks social media can also pose to the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents. Social media use by young people is nearly universal, with up to 95% of young people ages 13-17 reporting using a social media platform and more than a third saying they use social media "almost constantly." As kids spend more and more time in front of their devices, they are spending less and less time engaged in activities that nurture their physical, emotional, and psychological well being such as reading, art, music and physical activity.

Topics to be discussed include:

- The impact of mobile devices on children – examining the consequences of excessive screen time and smartphone usage on mental health and emotional well-being.
- Strategies for parents, educators and students for promoting positive well-being among students and providing tools and strategies for parents in managing children's technology use and supporting healthy habits.
- Digital citizenship – fostering healthy, responsible and ethical use of technology among young learners.
- Balancing technology and traditional learning methods – navigating the integration of digital tools while preserving the value of face-to-face instruction.
- Examining model cell phone policies and practices for schools and districts.

Use the link below to RSVP and save the date for the conference.

<https://www.nysut.org/news/events/disconnected-conference>

Questions may be directed to Leslie Chaplin in the Office of the NYSUT President at leslie.chaplin@nysut.org or by calling 1-800-342-9810.