

Minutes of the School Section Meeting of Library Media Personnel
Spring Conference of the Wyoming Library Association
Dubois Elementary Middle School Library
May 1, 2004

Meeting was called to order by SSLMP Chair Marylou Bowles-Banks.

Attending: Cindy Angell, Cheryl Confer, Shelly King, Rita Anderson, Ann Hicks, Theresa Bermingham, Joan Busby, Carey Hartmann, Janice Segerstrom, Stewart Shipman, Leslie Davies, Mary Jayne Jordan, Ann Rutherford, Marylou Banks

Minutes were recorded by Leslie Davies in the absence of Georgia Lundquist, SSLMP Secretary.

Action Items:

Replace Chair-elect, Mitzi Gligoria

Mitzi is leaving the state so someone must be appointed to fulfill the remaining term for the position of Chair-elect. Several names were mentioned. Carey Hartmann suggested we look at folks who have attended the Library Leadership Institute. Marylou asked for anyone interested to please talk to her as soon as possible so the position can be filled.

Committee Work

Carey informed the attendees that Troy Rumpf, Chair of the WLA Communications Committee, will prepare a brochure for each section to be distributed at Fall Conference. He has designed a consistent layout for the brochures so they will all be recognizable as WLA sections.

Discussion Items:

Certification concerns

Marylou read a letter from Jerry Krois stating that one of the school librarians in Cody is being RIF'd and will not be replaced by a certified librarian. WLA supports the initiative to have certified librarians in public schools. Discussion followed relative to the problems with the PTSB portfolio certification process. Several folks have submitted their portfolios for evaluation have not received them in a timely manner and have still not received their certification. The University of Wyoming no longer offers certification so students need to find online programs. Marylou will talk with Keith Cottam about the Casper College proposed plan, and with Ed Downes about a possible meeting with UW faculty to see what they propose.

Other concerns

The group discussed the problem of square footage in new schools that are being planned and built under the auspices of the State Facilities Committee. Library space is not being adequately addressed.

Fall Conference

The group reviewed the draft of the fall conference program.

Mary Casanova will be the visiting author. She is paid for 3 sessions but the Program Council only has her for two. Cheryl Confer said she might be able to use her for the 3rd session. Ann Siedl and Ruth Hanks will present on Saturday. A problem exists with the Friday morning booktalks with Great Northern and the award books. We need to address this for next year.

Information Power

Dates for IP V were discussed. The class will be in August either the 10th through the 14th or the 11th through the 13th. The location will be either in Casper or Laramie. Jan will see who expresses interest and the preference of those who register. Casper always works and it could be that those dates in Laramie may already be booked. Chris Van Burgh will plan on training on the new databases, and participants will bring collaboration projects to present. Jan plans to have someone from the PTSB to come and talk about certification. More librarians need to attend the School Improvement Conference. Jan and Marylou presented a session on "Raise Your 'Standards'. . .Use Your Librarian!" in March.

WLA Strategic Plan

Carey explained the strategic plan she has implemented for the WLA Executive Board.

Library Leadership Institute

It was the consensus of those present that SSLMP continue to advocate for the Library Leadership Institute.

Non-fiction Award

Leslie Davies suggested we consider another component in the Wyoming book award programs to include a grade 3-4 reading and interest level for non-fiction books. We could use the listserv to create a list of suggested titles to be included in a pilot program. After July 1st we will decide on 15 titles from that list to be included in the nominated list for next year.

Other Items of Interest

Jan presented resources she was aware of that people might like to know about. She distributed handouts on a variety of issues for school librarians, including copyright bookmark and power point script, a draft copy of TCSD#1 Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure, notes from AASL fall conference in Kansas City, and work to date on where the library fits into the Wyoming education standards.

Adjournment

meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.