

Official MINUTES
STANYS Western Section Board Meeting
November 15, 2017 @ 4:00pm

Buffalo State College - Science and Mathematics Complex (SAMC) Room 161

The STANYS Western Section Board meeting was held at Buffalo State College. The meeting was called to order at ____PM by Tim Coughlin. The following board members were in attendance: Tim Coughlin, Sarah English, Cheryl Aldrich, Lowell Sylvester, Jeff Salerno, Mary Ann Bowles, Mary Kay Flett, Karen Lester

Minutes: Motion by Jeff Salerno and seconded by Lowell to accept October minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report -Karen Lester

Membership Report - Mary Ann Bolles: Membership information is still being updated from the conference. It will be forthcoming.

- 162 members presently
- Influx due to issues at the conference - working at being rectified

4. Guest Introduction - Michelle Kavanaugh and Cherie Messorre from WNY STEM Hub
Update on Hub Events and the Future of what we could be doing together

SAR Reports

- Elementary - Mary Kay Flett/Cheryl Aldrich
 - We have been collecting email addresses from the conference at Sweet Home, STANYS conference and from the workshop at Erie BOCES 1 this past Monday. It is a google doc. We would like to focus on Elementary teachers, but at this point we have a bit of it all.
<https://docs.google.com/a/lancasterschools.org/document/d/1oJ3Nw-14Phqh25K4i2TTfAzCIXVU64vgS3zDQ47S-j4/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Talked about a **Demo Derby** - one of the other sections is doing that. Is this possibly something that we might want to do in the future?
 - Stem Conference for 5th graders - January 12th (9:30 - 11:30) - Sweet Home Middle School
- Intermediate/BOCES- Susan Cyrulik
 - Excused/No Report
- Earth Science - Bill Garlapo/Meg Helmes
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- Living Environment – Amy Miller /Meg Helmes
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- Chemistry - Dr. Sarah English
 - The chemistry institute was fantastic. Great feedback. The hope is to do the institute again.
 - Chemshare is meeting at Bootleg Bucha (1250 Niagara Street) November 20th
 - Many of the Chemshare members were at Paul Anderson's institute

- Physics - Dan MacIsaac/Jeff Salerno/Brad Gearhart
 - Physics institute went well at STANYS
 - WNY Physics teachers met and planned Physics Olympics Dec 2nd at Buffalo State
 - 8 am start, no cost, t shirt included
 - For middle school or high school
 - Jeff can forward link to the group - school needs to provide teacher or adult to monitor
 - Next Physics Teacher Alliance is January 20th

- College - Dave Henry
 - Excused/No Report
- Retiree – Rod Doran
 - Excused
- Special Education – MaryAnn Bolles
 - No new updates
- At-large - Rose Cianciosa and Lowell Sylwester
 - No report

Old Business

1. Website Update - Cheryl
 - a. Check was sent, received and in progress
 - b. Within the next week we will have a website!
 - c. Possibility of bringing in Northwestern and Southwestern sections to work together
2. State Conference Follow Up
 - a. Numbers have gone up
 - b. Things were great!
3. Exec Board “Town Hall” Meeting on Feb 9
 - a. All section is invited
 - b. Venue - Christies - Southgate Plaza

New Business

1. DALs/Guests in Attendance
 - a. WNY Stem Hub
 - b. Cherie - Point of Contact - Managing Events
 - i. Working to establish liaisons with other organizations
 - ii. Want embedded board member - Rod
 1. Share happenings
 2. Offer support
 3. Example - help promote calendar
 - iii. Collaborators

December 7th Event - Student showcase - STEM and Space Flight Project Mission 12

- Lots of community support this time around
- Many universities and businesses
- STANYS WSW - sponsored

- Wood Western - sponsor?
- Shared information about project

STEAM conference - Summer

- Architecture is the theme
- Do we want person or planning team
- Do we want to collaborate on conference?

CHIEF Science Officers Project - Launch in Spring

- Arizona State
- MS and HS Leaders Focus and elected
 - Summer Retreat for kids to train
 - Develop project, promote, events and science activities
 - Advocates for STEM and Science Education
 - Handouts
 - Overview
 - Projects involved in
 - Girl (Coding will continue and expand - connecting with Girl Scouts)

Code.org Partnership - only 2nd in NYS

- Advance more computer science
- Seeking facilitators - train the trainers
- Learn methodologies to teach and train

k-12 Coding Focus

- Candidates for facilitators can apply until December 1st
- Expenses and some training covered. Honorarium for workshops.

Need to think about linking STEM hub to our future website

Quality Partner Program

- Advance STEM learning with STEM rubric
- More Schools through levels and get advice on how to move to the next level.
- 2 year commitment - get Seal after certifying
- There is a fee to participate
- District level or program within the district
- Given Cherie your email to get on STEMhub - email updates

2. STANYS STATE Science Congress Chair Found - Update from Sue Sullivan

3. Future Social Events

4. Local Mini-conference

5. Annual Awards Dinner - Nominees and Location

6. Thoughts, Prayers, and Well-wishes

Adjournment

_____ motioned to adjourn at _____