

Teacher Center Policy Board
 William Floyd Elementary Media Center
 October 25, 2023 Minutes
 03:50 PM

Melissa Abbatiello	Present	Marina Andreou	Present	Maureen Benson	Present	Jennifer Berg	Present
Sherell Bhatti	Present	Gary Bretton	Present	Suzanne Branchinelli	Present Left at 4:30	Jacqueline Cherouvis	Absent
Shari Costello	Present	Lindsay Davis	Present	Andrew Demasi	Absent	Kate Devenney	Absent
Melissa DiDonato	Present	Gina Fumai	Present	Donna Fusaro	Present	Michele Gode	Present
Maria Gervasio	Absent	Kristie Guerriero	Present	Madison Gunderson	Present left at 4:24 Returned at 4:30	Paul Helbig	Present
Dianne Implaglazzio	Present	Kristin McNamara	Absent	Sonia Montalvo	Present	Heather Murillo	Present
Leah Olivo	Present	Kathleen Pantaleo	Present	Erica Peralta	Present	Eileen Randazzo	Present
Christine Rosado	Absent	Livia Santos	Present	Ravi Seeram	Present	Thomas Short	Present
Melissa Worthington	Present						

Affirmation that a quorum of members is present:

- 27 / 33 (75%) of the people named on the Continuation Application were in attendance
- 15/ 27 (60%) of the voting members were teachers.

Call to Order- 3:52 pm called to order

1. Motion to Approve Minutes: [Minutes for the May 24, 2023 WFTC Meeting](#) Tom Short motioned. Jennifer Berg seconded the motion.

2. Open Meeting Law
 - ☐ Do's and Don'ts of ♂The Open Meetings Law & Executive Session
3. William Floyd Teacher Center Grant [William Floyd Teacher Center Grant Approval Letter](#)
4. Teacher Center Roles
 - a. Policy Board Member
 - b. Staff Development Specialist
 - c. Chairperson
 - d. TARP Manager
 - e. Director
5. Course Changes and Teaching Practices:
 - a. Practical Classroom Management: Upon discussion it was decided that per teacher center policy a course cannot be taught in the same school year.
 - b. TA Workshop: M. Gunderson.
 - i. A course is being taught in the Winter session and the Spring session. A 10 hour workshop can also be taught.
6. Course Review:
 - a. Understanding by Design
 - [M.Egan Resume](#)
 - [2023-2024 TC UBD EGAN](#)
 - [UbD TC Course- Madeline Egan](#)
 - G. Fumai makes a motion to accept the course proposal, M. DiDonato seconds.
 - Discussion about the background of the instructor and the need for the course. We can have her add the reflective piece to the end of the course.
 - A motion to approve the course was made by Jennifer Berg, seconded by Madison Gunderson. 26 members voted yes; S. Costello abstained. The instructor will need to take the Canvas course offered by the Teacher Center in the spring to develop her course, and can be taught in the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Teacher Center Newsletter
8. Immigration/Poverty Simulation
 - a. Would like to run it again in the 23-24 school year. It will be held on February 1, 2024 at Paca Middle School with an alternative date of February 29th.
9. National Board Certification
 - a. On October 18, 2023, an online National Board Certification Informational Session was held. 6 teachers responded with one person attending. It was held by Sarah Duke, NBCT, Manhasset School District and Coordinator for the NBCNY Long Island Region.
10. Code.org

- a. Will Brown works for Mouse.org and offers Professional Learning for Mouse/Code and Scratch. The elementary portion would be Computer Science Fundamentals (K-5) two sessions of three hours. Week one would be an introduction, week two would be a deeper dive into the lessons.
- b. Middle and High School would be Computer Science Discoveries.
- c. \$450 an hour, a bulk price could be granted for each of the 6 hour series.
- d. It is budgeted for this work to occur, more information will be provided once we have it from this organization.

11. Fall Focus

- a. All regional Teacher Centers met via zoom. The topic was **Educating the Whole Child Through Teacher Agency**. “Teacher Agency is the capacity of teachers to act purposefully and constructively to direct their professional growth and contribute to the growth of their colleagues and therefore, increase student learning.”
- b. Dawn Graham, NYSED Teacher Center Program Director, thanked Teacher Centers for the work they do in providing professional learning experiences for the staff and therefore, increasing student learning and achievement.

12. TARP Kit Creators

- a. Our center would like more titles to be created for our TARP catalog. Contact Debra Flynn if interested.

Tom Short makes a motion at 5:05 pm to close the meeting. Gina Fumai seconds.