

Teacher Center Policy Board  
 William Floyd Elementary Media Center  
 November 15, 2023 Minutes  
 03:52 PM

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

**Affirmation that a quorum of members is present:**

- 22/ 33 (66%) of the people named on the Continuation Application were in attendance
- 14/ 22 (63%) of the voting members were teachers.

Call to Order- 3:52 pm called to order

1. Motion to Approve Minutes: [The Minutes for the October 25, 2023 WFTC Meeting](#)
  - a. Jennifer Berg makes a motion to accept the minutes, Madison Gunderson seconds, minutes approved.
2. Course Review: Integrating the Arts into Content Areas  
[Integrating the Arts into Content Areas and Resume](#)

Jennifer Berg makes a motion to accept the course proposal, Leah Olivo seconds.

There is a need for this course. There were concerns if the work was indeed 45 hours, the availability to both the elementary and secondary levels and lack of rigor. We will table this course for upgrades from the instructor. Suggestions from the policy board- upgrades to questioning, more specific and detailed assignments and add rigor to the coursework.

3. Update on The Community Library/School Workshop
  - a. Lindsay Davis from the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Public Library, Kristie Guerriero from the William Floyd Learning Center, and Shari Costello from Tangier Smith Elementary School presented their work on The Community/School Workshop. This workshop is designed to engage parents, family, community and the school as partners in our students' education.
    - i. Virtual Field Trips of the various locations of the library branches
    - ii. Connecting teachers to the library
    - iii. Providing information on the various community resources that the library provides- Citizenship Preparation Class, babysitting services, job and career assistance, classroom teacher/library connections...
4. Results of William Floyd Teaching Assistant Needs Assessment Survey
  - a. There is a need for teaching assistant professional learning opportunities .
  - b. Here are some needs from the survey:
    - i. Working with a diverse population
    - ii. Dealing with difficult students
    - iii. Utilizing Technology with students.
    - iv. Discussion about de-escalating behaviors
    - v. American Sign Language
      1. We have courses/workshops/book studies/NYSUT ELT Seminars that meet these needs. We will continue to meet the needs of our teaching assistants with future courses/workshops/book studies and other professional learning opportunities.

Leah Olivo makes a motion to close the meeting at 4:35pm. Gina Fumai seconds.