

Teacher Center Policy Board
 January 18, 2023
 William Floyd Elementary Media Center
 January 2023 Minutes
 03:50 PM

Melissa Abbatiello	P	Marina Andreou	P	Maureen Benson	A	Jennifer Berg	P
Sherell Bhatti	P	Jacqueline Cherouvis	P	Shari Costello	Virtual	Lindsay Davis	P
Andrew Demasi	A	Kate Devenney	P	Melissa DiDonato	P	Keith Fasciana	P
Gina Fumai	P	Donna Fusaro	A	Maria Gervasio	P	Kristie Gurreriro	P
Madison Gunderson	P	T.J. Heinz	A	Dianne Implaglazio	A	Kathleen Keane	A
Toni Komorowski	A	Luisa McHugh	P	Kristin McNamara	A	Leah Olivo	P
Kathleen Pantaleo	P	Eileen Randazzo	P	Christine Rosado	Virtual	Livia Santos	P
Stacey Scalise	A	Thomas Short	P	Mary Siano	P	Melissa Worthington	P

Affirmation that a quorum of members is present:

- 23/ 32 (71%) of the people named on the Continuation Application were in attendance
- 18/23 (78%) of the voting members were teachers.

Call to Order. 3:59 pm called to order

1. Review [November Minutes 2022](#) Change on page 2 for wrong person in abstentions, a motion to accept the November 2022 minutes was made by Kate Devenney. Upon a unanimous vote, motion carries.

2. Poverty Simulation Update

The Poverty Simulation Kit is housed in the Teacher Center office which is located in the Union Office. Beginning Monday, January 23 at 3pm, we will be organizing the kit to make sure it is ready for the February 11, 2023 simulation.

We need people to help with various roles for the simulation.

3. Immigration Simulation Update

February 5, 2023, ENL staff members and the Immigration Simulation Committee members will be piloting the simulation and garnering feedback. On February 15, 2023, the committee will meet with S. Scalise and D. Gurney to debrief.

4. NYSUT ELT Seminar

Discussion about the cancellation of the NYSUT ELT Seminar- Restorative Practices: Promoting a Positive School Culture and Climate.

- i. Although NYSUT ELT has a policy about canceling a seminar without a 5-day notice, the Wm. Floyd Teacher Center was not charged the \$800.00 fee for this seminar.
- ii. This seminar will need to be replaced with another NYSUT ELT Seminar.

With the concerns of the NYSUT ELT Seminar- Restorative Practices: Promoting a Positive School Culture and Climate, D. Flynn shared the remaining ELT coursework with Michael Devenney, William Floyd United Teacher President. Another \$800.00 NYSUT ELT Seminar- The Hidden Truth, was worrisome to both the President and the Director.

- iii. A motion to cancel this seminar was made by Jennifer Berg. Because this is scheduled for March, we are able to prevent the need to pay the \$800.00 fee. Gina Fumai seconds. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carries.
- iv. This seminar will need to be replaced.

The \$450.00 NYSUT ELT Seminar-Advancing Student Success Through Relationships, (12/20/22) needs to be rescheduled due to a conflict with the instructor.

Future NYSUT ELT Seminars-
Healing Circles (1/26/23)
Growth Mindset (2/8/23)

The Power of Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) (3/2/23)
Family-School Engagement for ELLs (3/20/23)

5. With the discussion about seminars having low enrollment, and information that is difficult to maintain, a motion was made by M. Siano to use discretionary funds

to create a platform for information about the teacher center coursework, workshops/book studies, seminars... to be disseminated to the staff. Seconded by J. Berg. Upon unanimous vote, motion carries.

6. Workshop/Book Study Creators/Facilitator Work

- a. Possible topics- Math, Technology, Literacy
- b. If you have any ideas on book studies, please reach out to D. Flynn
- c. The difference between a workshop and a book study. Proposals for the differences is something we need to develop.
 - i. A motion to use discretionary funds to form a committee to create both a workshop proposal form and a book study proposal form was made by J. Berg, seconded by G. Fumai. Upon unanimous vote, motion carries.

K. Fasciana makes a motion at 4:35pm to close the meeting. G. Fumai seconds.