

Adirondack Curriculum Project Board Meeting
April 12, 2005
5:00pm Newcomb Central School

Minutes

Present: Terri Smith, Sarah Bencze, Helen Branigan, Marilyn Broome, Sandy Hildreth, Celia Evans, Bob Brown, Jack Drury and Sandy Bureau. Kathy Hargis 5:50pm

Also present: Marilyn Gillespie and Dick Broome

Meeting was called to order at 5:10

Minutes from January were approved. Terri Smith/Bob Brown 2nd

Adjustments to the agenda--addition of NYS Conservation Council under new business

Agenda approved as adjusted. Terri Smith/Sandy Hildreth

Financial report read and accepted

Motion to order one dozen ACP t-shirts. Sandy H/Sarah Bencze

Discussion, on whether we should order more. Sandy Hildreth agreed to amend her motion to two dozen t-shirts/Bob Brown 2nd. Motion carries

Two new members added since last meeting

Website report Sandy Hildreth

NEA funded Challenges all have the NEA logo on them
4-5 hits/day
updates and connections completed

Work Shop Committee report

Worked on a workshop brochure. Shared sample with group (attached) Group would like feedback. Send comments to Sandy H. She will come with another product in June. Members gave some input. Discussion about printing

FEH BOCES picked two of the slate we had offered them;
Adirondack Atlas Aug 15-16 and General Challenge July 11-12.
Discussed agreement and directed Sandy H to return agreement and ask that it be changed too ACP not directly to her. Discussion

on how much BOCES charges the districts. How much should we be charging?

Challenge Committee

Met two times

Group has gone through all the Challenges. Group consensus that they wanted model challenges on the website. Group brought a proposal to hire someone to edit and post the challenges. Motion was made Helen/Sarah to use \$1500 to hire someone to edit the Challenges. Discussion ensued about involving person that originated Challenge in the editing, specifics of contract and the amount of time needed to out the finished product up on the web. Motion passes.

Committee came up with a symbol system to tag challenges

Recommended/ ACP approved

Under review

Classroom Tested

Jack offered to put together a grant proposal to International Paper for a printed version of the Challenges. Discussion on why in print. But group came to consensus that Jack pursue the grant.

Jack handed out a matrix of Challenges to date

Discussion regarding copyright on web site

Website Committee

Sandy and Wayne are the only committee members at this time. Sandy is in need of more people for her committee and specifically people who may assist with the technical aspects of web site development.

Development Committee

Sandy B and Helen reported on their activity. Sandy B handed out a template for the new newsletter, which they hoped to go out this fall with a mailing to area administrators. Discussed counties to target. Committee looking into some kind of event for this fall and developing a friends mailing list and school contacts.

Executive Committee

While they have not officially met, the executive Committee will work on securing a yearly audit for the ACP. Marilyn Broome

agreed to first check with her accountant. We are looking for some pro bono.

Update on Grants

NEA--Account zero. Final Report prepared and submitted by Sandy Hildreth. A copy is on file at ACP offices

ACT--new money to contract with an individual to edit and prepare final copy of Challenges

NYS CA-- funding for 14 teachers. Right now only six responses

FS/Paul Smiths College--Celia convened a group earlier today to discuss and plan. Enrollment of 20 so far.

Old Business

Tabled discussion on involving new volunteers until Wayne can join us

New Business

Adirondack Community Trust money was discussed under Challenge Committee. Sandy B will prepare press release to send out

Bob Brown brought up for discussion possible cooperation with the NYS Conservation Council at their summer Conservation workshops for teachers. Would we be available to come in and do a miniworkshop/taster? Sarah Bencze will speak with Linda Coffin and see exactly what their needs are
Group thought this would be a good idea.

From the Board

Adk Art and Ed Council--Jack

Sandy B reminded the group that at our June meeting we will be voting on the first round of board members and new Executive Officers

Class of 2005
Sandy Bureau
Bob Brown
Barbara Kearns
Sarah Bencze

Class of 2006
Sandra Hildreth
Jack Drury
Marilyn Broome
Wayne Miller

Class of 2007
Celia Evans
Helen Branigan
Kathy Hargis
Terri Smith

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Youth Symposium at SLU with Don Mesibov. Sandy H reported

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm Kathy/Terri. Motion carries

Next meeting June 7th at Paul Smith's College

Agenda topics: model/demonstration school