



## Summary of the Board Meeting on January 20, 2018

### President's Report

- Jennifer Bates wrote an article for the Jan/Feb issue of the PA PTA publication.

### AASL Report

- The AASL 18th National Conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona November 7-11, 2017.
- Both Jennifer Bates and Allison Mackley attended a one and a half day preconference training on the AASL National School Library Standards, as well as additional sessions, including "Inquire and Include with the New National School Library Standards," "Explore and Engage with the New National School Library Standards," and "Collaborate and Curate with the New National School Library Standards."
- Several PSLA members were in attendance and several presented sessions. Mary Kay Biagini and Deb Kachel presented a session called, "You're Worth It, But How Do You Show It? Demonstrating Your Unique Value to Your School Administrators" (Recorded Session). Brenda Boyer presented "Research Ready? Prove It! Using Digital Badges to Measure Information Fluency Competency." Heather Lister presented "Makerspaces Unplugged! Low-Tech, No-Tech Makerspaces" in the Idea Lab.

### Old Business

- **Staffing Survey Update:** Board members will make phone calls to contact those who have not responded to the survey.
- **Quantum Strategic Communication Update:** Quantum is looking for the following: members to do Op-eds (about any issue), superintendents who are willing to write articles, members who are doing something unique to write articles; Quantum will assist in the writing. In addition, HB 740 is gaining momentum.
- **ESSA Update:** The U.S. Department of Education approved PA's ESSA Plan. No changes from the final draft were made.
- **National Library Legislative Day:** May 7 – 8, 2018, Washington, D.C. PSLA will sponsor two attendees.

## New Business

- **Affiliate Applications:** Applications were approved for the following: Beaver County Association of School Librarians, Westmoreland County Association of School Librarians, and the Western Pennsylvania School Librarians Association.
- **PSLA Dues:** PSLA dues will remain at current member rates.
- **Financial Policy:** The Financial Policy was amended.
- **Membership Classification Policy:** The Membership Classification Policy was updated.
- **Delegate Expense Voucher:** A revised Delegate Expense Voucher was approved.
- **PSLA Logo Update:** Revising the PSLA logo will be discussed with Kevin Harley at Quantum Communications; he may be able to present some options for moving forward.
- **AASL Grant:** AASL Past-Presidents Planning Grant for National School Library Standards awards three grants annually in the amount of \$2,500 to AASL Affiliate organizations for the planning and execution of an event, initiative or activity focused on the implementation of the new AASL National School Library Standards. PSLA will explore applying for this grant.
- **LSTA Grant:** Still waiting for an official response from the state.
- **Member Clicks Update:** The launch of the new site is projected for the end of January. Conference registration and election voting will take place via MemberClicks.
- **ALA Emerging Leaders:** PSLA would like to sponsor an ALA Emerging Leader and will investigate the requirements and procedures.
- **PSLA Dropbox:** An increase in storage to one terabyte was approved.
- **Awards:** The 2018 slate of award winners was approved.
- **National School Library Standards Book:** Each committee will be provided with a copy of AASL's new National School Library Standards.
- **Conference Registration:** Conference registration dates were revised with early bird registration open until March 7.

## Email Votes

- **Financial Policy:** The following language was approved and added to the financial policy: "All federal grant monies will be placed in a non-interest bearing account."
- **Sponsoring PTA in Pennsylvania Annually for the Jan/Feb issue:** PSLA will sponsor the January/February issue of the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) publication annually in the amount of \$500.
- **Springshare/Libguides Payment:** PSLA will continue its partnership with Hosting Solutions and Library Consulting (HSLC) to split the invoice cost of the Springshare/LibGuides subscription covering the dates of January 2018 - December 2018. The total PSLA payment will be \$339.50.