



Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on January 14, 2017.

#### President's Report

- The upcoming newsletter will feature an op-ed by Rep. Thomas Murt, an article by Linda Neyer (academic librarian at Bloomsburg University), and John Kurelia, Chief Academic Officer and Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Regional Education Services for the CSIU and former principal and superintendent.
- Progress on potential legislation: Rep. Mark Longiotti (Dem) has agreed to be the prime sponsor of our proposed legislation and helped to find a Republican co-sponsor, Thomas Murt, who may actually become the prime sponsor. Quantum is working to set up a meeting with both representatives. PSLA will try to gather support for the proposed legislation through additional co-sponsors.
- Legislative Liaison: A legislation task group (not a permanent committee) will be created under the Communications Committee and the task group leader will be called "PSLA Legislative Liaison." The leader will be reimbursed at the charitable organization mileage rate for up to 3 trips to Harrisburg. The liaison will work with Kevin Harley of Quantum to determine the best times to travel to Harrisburg and the message that PSLA wants to convey. The Legislative Liaison will report to the President/Communications Board Liaison prior to each Board meeting to share activities and progress. Deb Kachel will lead this task group.
- Allison Burrell continues to write a bi-monthly article for each issue of the PA PTA newsletter. The article for January 2017 was posted in the Schoology All Members group.
- General Comments: Allison is pleased with the positive approach that PSLA is taking, particularly as we work toward the proposed legislation. It is very encouraging to work toward something, rather than spending time preparing to defend ourselves against negative actions. It is important to continue to build our committee membership and create a greater sense of ownership of the work of PSLA among our members.

#### POWER Library Update/Discussion with Maryam Phillips

- Retirements: Dennis Gormley, Digital Collections Manager, and Cindy Pitchon, Director of Library Services.
- The HSLC Board of Directors voted to bring on 3 new directors that have school backgrounds. This will help HSLC reach members of the school community.
- HSLC will convene a two-day Spring POWER Library Users Conference for Access PA/POWER Library participants in April 2016. It will include training for POWER Library E-resources and Access PA SHAREit, as well as an opportunity to learn about other POWER Library services, such as PA Photos and Documents, Chat with a Librarian, the POWER Library Portal, and more. More information can be found here: [http://www.powerlibrary.org/librarians/get-training/previous-trainings/power-library-users-conference/#.WKR11\\_kr12w](http://www.powerlibrary.org/librarians/get-training/previous-trainings/power-library-users-conference/#.WKR11_kr12w)

- Participant fees are crucial to providing services and funding the administrative component of these services. State funding goes entirely into services.
- Free/reduced lunch discounts on participant fees: Discounts are available if you serve an economically disadvantaged population. If 50-70% of your population qualifies for free and reduced lunches, a 50% discount can be applied. If 70-99% of your population qualifies for free and reduced lunches, a 70% discount can be applied. If 100% of your population qualifies for free and reduced lunches, one payment of \$295 will cover the entire district.
- E-resources authentication is the next area of focus. The goal is to have one URL with a uniquely identifying PL code. This will allow individual schools to generate statistics reports.
- PA School Library Project
  - The current PA School Library Project findings and resources will be maintained on the LibGuide (<http://paschoollibraryproject.org/home>) and PSLA will continue its payment contribution to SpringShare to keep it active and accessible.
- PA eBook Consortium: HSLC is the fiscal agent only. The consortium is driven by the librarians who participate.
- POWER Library Eligibility Requirements for Schools
  - Because of new staffing models, HSLC is currently treating a shared librarian across schools as a single participant to help provide access to the populations served.
  - How best to handle the eligibility of schools that no longer have librarians is under consideration and review.

#### Old Business

- Staffing Survey 2016-17 Results: The survey is complete. 100% of 500 School Districts Responded: 2,718 buildings in 500 school districts.

#### New Business

- Applications for affiliate status were received and approved for the Beaver County Association of School Librarians, the Western PA School Librarians Association, and the Westmoreland County Association of School Librarians
- PA Forward Info Lit Summit—July 19, 2017: Call for proposals just went out. Libraries and Makers Movement is the theme. Please share the word.
- A revised and consolidated Awards Committee Policy was approved, as were the 2017 Award Winners.
- The Professional Development Survey created by the Teaching & Learning Committee was approved.
- The Administrative Policies listed below were updated. Many of the updates were made to reflect the new committee and leadership structure of PSLA.
  - Administrative Policies: Affiliate Assembly Representative
  - Administrative Policies: Amending the Constitution & Bylaws
  - Administrative Policies: Board of Directors Organizational Chart
  - Administrative Policies: Local Affiliation Policy
  - Administrative Policies: Membership
  - Administrative Policies: Officers
  - Administrative Policies: Financial Policies
  - Administrative Policies: PSLA Handbook
  - Administrative Policies: PSLA Listserv
  - Administrative Policies: Resolutions Policy