

**Mayville Area Teacher Center  
Fall Advisory Board Meeting-MaSU Library  
Meeting Minutes  
09/21/2015**

Dr. Andrea Dulski-Bucholz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were Donalee Strand, Ashley Pawlowski (Aune), Aubrey Madler, Betty LeClair, Ashley Scheer, Stephanie Dale, Jodi Fugleberg, and Matt Chandler. Members not in attendance were Teresa Agnes, Ben Strand, Frank Justin, Sarah Burger, and Dave Smith. Minutes were taken by Robyn Haines.

**News:**

- Since the last board meeting, Donalee is no longer only a board member but is now the new Mayville Area Teacher Center Coordinator!! It has been so great to have her on board and we are so thankful to have her with us!

**Events We Have Recently Sponsored:**

- Ed Tech day this summer: This event went very well with around 30 participants in attendance.
- Rainbow Gardens student experience.
- ND Historical Society curriculum presentation: Donalee has been really trying to get area teachers involved with events.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Dr. Anton Treuer:
  - Aubrey Madler discussed the upcoming professional development event that will be geared toward area teachers. We will be welcoming author and scholar, Dr. Anton Treuer, to our campus to present on Native Americans in ND in the hopes of raising cultural awareness in the classrooms. Aubrey requested feedback from the committee on the flyer for this event and whether it should be offered for credit or hours or even a possible book study (within individual area schools) on Dr. Treuer's book. Offering it for credit would mean creating a syllabi and 1 credit needs to be 10-15 hours. Many members agreed that this may not be appropriate for this specific event.
  - The board briefly discussed what everyone thought the teachers would like and if we thought this subject matter has the potential to be interesting to area teachers. Betty stated that she did not think this would be a big draw and she wasn't sure, overall, that this is a big interest area for local area schools. Matt suggested doing what they do in his school, which is read a book and do blog postings to earn "credit". He stated that this may not be worth it if only 5 people show up.
  - Aubrey stated that Dr. Treuer is very willing to take all the focus off just Native Americans and is open to any suggestions for topics. Dr. Dulski-Bucholz suggested sending out a Google survey on what other possibilities of topics we may want him to focus more on. Ashley proposed doing a focus on ELL and others agreed this was a good idea.
  - Please notify area school administrators to get the word out.
  - Supper will be provided.

- Both the library and the Teacher Center will be sponsoring this event.
- Please register by Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Event is set for November 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:30 pm.
- Will hold off on this invitation for a short time to get more feedback.
- April teacher symposium:
  - Guest speaker will be Dave Burgess, author of “Teach Like a Pirate”. Symposium is set for April 13<sup>th</sup>. It is likely that he will be presenting for a couple of days during this time. This event will also be posted in the next newsletter.

### **Goals:**

- Briefly reviewed the goals of the network Teacher Center and the specific goals of the Mayville Area Teacher Center. One change of time and effort to the goals would be the increased attention to professional development.

### **Membership Fees:**

- Charging for membership: If we do decide to start charging for our services and use of the Teacher Center materials, do we charge the area teachers, the students, or the schools?
- Betty asked where the collected fees would be applied to. Jodi stated that it would go towards covering the costs of future professional development workshops/days, purchasing new items for TC, etc.
- Dr. Dulski-Bucholz also reiterated that the Teacher Center may be “gone” in 2 years when we merge with the REA. Thus, would it truly be worth starting to charge people/schools now?
- Betty suggested that student teachers start to bring in new STEM/Teacher Center items into the classrooms as that would make a big impact. This exposure to our materials may help convince the area schools and they may be more willing to pay if they can see the “new products”.

### **Budget:**

- We had extra funds to work with this past year. We received a missing check for HIV funds that was never cashed while Missy Hutter was the Teacher Center Coordinator.
- Committee briefly went over the general budget.
- Work that is being done this year with the paid position, last year was in-kind work. Our workload needs to be documented accurately within budget allowances.

### **Ideas:**

- A new STEM day similar to the Nature Trail experience. We could possibly hold this at the end of December or sometime in the first couple weeks of January but it will depend on testing days within the area schools. Traveling to MSU means counting it as a field trip day for many area schools, which will not work. The idea was mentioned about making this where we (MSU) travel to the schools rather than having them all come to us. Our students would plan the lesson and then teach it at the individual schools. Ashley stated that she thought this was best and other committee members agreed.
- Hands-on workshops: It was discussed that it would be a neat idea to have a STEM team in each school. This workshop could be a workday on creating lessons and planning projects for the

teachers to use in the schools for the following school year. Matt suggested the possibility of doing this during MLK day. Aubrey could showcase any progress made with “Kit keeper” program as well.

- Needs: School visitations/surveys, curriculum samples, and lead grade level teachers.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- MSU received the “Life Made Simple” grant. This grant will allow us to create, update and enhance a library cataloging system and will provide a system for the logging and checkout system for Teacher Center and STEM materials. Via this grant, we will also take advantage of a system called “Kit Keeper” which will help us advertise our kits and provide detailed information on the contents of each kit, reservation of kits, etc. The grant money will be awarded in October and it is the hope that we can start utilizing the Kit Keeper by January or February.
- We have had the Real Care babies fixed, currently 5 in operation, and all baby supplies restocked.
- The Teacher Center has recently purchased 18 new Garmin wristbands/heart rate monitors. These are now available to be checked out for school use.
- MLK day is set for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- The library is looking at another grant. Aubrey posed the question to the committee on whether or not having more non-fiction items/books is a need or want to have available for area schools. Jodi stated that it most definitely is a need. Aubrey stated that she will write this into the grant and tie it into the Teacher Center. Aubrey will be asking for more input from the committee in the near future.
- Need ideas from teachers on things that they would like to have available in our Teacher Center.

\*\*Next meeting dates: Jan. 25 or 27<sup>th</sup>? Will check in with missing members for their best time and get back to everyone. The other date is set for Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.