

Council on Library and Network Development

November 10, 2017

Carl Traeger Middle School

Oshkosh, WI

The meeting convened at 10 am in a conference room adjacent the middle school Media Center.

Highlights of the meeting included:

A lengthy introduction by district administration & middle school personnel focused on school media center programs & funding issues.

John Thompson, Chair of the PLSR group gave an update on PLSR activities, with emphasis on the wide ranging presentations offered at the recent WLA conference. The re-visioning process is at a critical stage, he said, with a combined workgroup report expected in April that includes presentation of a working model of a revised system structure. COLAND's involvement in the process was solicited to help the committee formulate final recommendations for DPI.

DPI staff provided an update on the state's implementation of the Future Ready Librarians program, a national initiative whose stated goal is one of "Unleashing the instructional leadership of librarians to foster Future Ready schools." Additional program detail can be found on the DPI Website on the Future Ready Librarians page & on the national Future Ready Website at <http://futureready.org/program-overview/librarians/>

In addition to the discussion of Future Ready Librarians, DPI staff provided a general School Library Media Update, covering topics such as the Common School Fund, Licensing Updates & the availability of what were termed Educator Effectiveness Tools on the DPI Website with the state's stated goal of "Researching, supporting, and promoting the best strategies for school library media specialists to be Future Ready leaders."

Approval of the final draft of the 2017 revision of the Public Library Standards 6th edition was voted on & affirmed. The Standards are intended as planning tools for public libraries & library boards. Recommendations to public libraries cover governance, system membership, funding, staffing, programs & services, access and facilities. A future goal is to make the Standards available as an interactive online document for libraries to use as a dynamic planning tool.

Availability of the document on line & in print will soon be announced.

Included in the DLT standing report, John DeBacher noted that DLT staff are optimistic about funding for Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) in the recent federal budget. The state Library Services & Technology (LSTA) program was downsized due to previous funding uncertainties. As a consequence, only state wide projects were funded but a proposal for 2018 has been submitted that Division staff believes meet all IMLS stipulations. In addition, it was noted that 2/3 of Public Library Division staff positions are funded by IMLS & LSTA allocations & many have been left unfilled due to budgetary uncertainties. With the prospect of more funding for 2018, the Division has completed a comprehensive functional analysis of all positions so that recruitment for position vacancies can begin early in the New Year once federal funding is forthcoming.

Martha Berninger reported that the Badgerlink rebid project is due July 1, 2018 & input is being taken & content-related discussions are part of the PLSR workgroup process.

The next COLAND meeting will be on line January 12.

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