

Catholic School Librarian Meeting Minutes – Friday May 21st 2010
St. Luke School-Shoreline
Host: Judy Gillespie Ratner

8:30am -9:00am Sign in, Networking, Refreshments
9:00am Announcements: Sr. Ann will be leaving her library position at Holy Names High School to take on other duties at the school. She has been in the Holy Names Library for 31 years but her leadership, mentorship and all around genius has been felt throughout the Seattle Archdiocese and beyond. We heartily thank her for her selfless service to students, staff, parents and our own Catholic School Librarian Association. Best wishes Sr. Ann!

Prayer

Introductions: We welcome Anna Wiggs to the Catholic School Librarian Association and her new position in the Holy Names School Library.

9:30am: **The CSLA members present discussed the Grade Level Essential Learning Documents** (now posted on the St. Joseph Seattle Website under Library) for elementary and high school. The HS team has one more area to complete and Sr. Ann agreed to facilitate the completion of this activity. The CSL elementary school members voted unanimously to accept the document as complete as it stands now. See <http://library.stjosephsea.org/csla.htm>

Suggestion: **Agenda item for our October 2010 meeting:** review of and discussion around the AASL 21st Century Skills that have recently been updated. Process: Review the 21st Century Skills document and discuss how these areas are being addressed in our schools now as well as whether there are any gaps and how we might address them.

Suggestion: **Agenda item for our October 2010 meeting:** revisit curriculum mapping: Are people doing it? What does it look like in your school? Bring examples. Correlation of Standards. How do you put standards in action and how do you assess whether they are being met in the student body.

9:45am **Janice Abe presented the CSLA officer nomination slate for the 2010-2011 school year.** Susan Lisi agreed to continue as Treasurer and Liz Walsh-Boyd agreed to continue as secretary. Mary Carson of St. Louise School was nominated for, agreed to run for and was unanimously accepted as Present of the CSL Association President for the 2010-2011 School Year. Thank you Mary!

- 10:00am Sandra Barton-Smith from Seattle Archdiocese asked us to keep Kay Crane in our prayers. She has been out for the past three weeks or so.
- Sandra gave a few details about the upcoming Teacher Excellence Day – September 17th @ UW Meany Hall. The program will run from 8:00am (ish) to 1:00pm.**
- Suggestion: Sandra offers to cover the cost for a vendor table like we had last year at the Teacher Excellence day in hopes that the CSLA would be represented and use this event as an opportunity to get the word out about our organizations to librarians and Principals etc. who aren't aware of our work/community. Sandra noted that Lisa Hillyard from the Archdiocese Media Center would also be available and hopes that she would be able to make more schools aware of the resources available through the library/media center. See <http://www.seattlearch.org/FormationAndEducation/Library/>
- Destiny Update:** Four Schools have committed to coming on board this June- 2 more schools are still considering the possibility. Weds June 16th will be a ½ day training from FOLLETT (morning) with a second ½ of the day being led by some of our current Destiny experts (those who signed up year 1 & 2) Laura Malahan has volunteered to be there. Sandra has up to 20 spaced available for staff to come to this day of training.-if you want to brush up or if your school has had staff changes and would like to have new folks receive training. **LET SANDRA KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS JUNE 16 TRAINING.** This training is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Academy (Thank you Sr. ANN!!!! (Still with us!) The Follett training session is a Webinar.
- Request: Members present asked if Sandy could check into the possibility of Follett representative George Dragich providing training as he has helped in the past, and the librarians felt very positive about his approach. Joanne Boerth agreed to send Sandra his contact info.
- Request: In the future...could the Follett training for new Destiny users be scheduled more towards August as it is easy to forget what has been trained in June if you aren't going to use it till September.
- Request: Please get the word out that there is a great deal of useful, relevant, timely information on the Archdiocesan web site : www.secelebratealive.org under the library link (and in general).
- Update: Sandra will soon be creating a DESTINY PLAYGROUND on the seecelebrateandlive site to post updates etc. **HOWEVER, PLEASE**

SIGN UP FOR THE DESTINY NEWSLETTER IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY USING THEIR SYSTEM.

- Update: Per Sandra- Ebooks can be used on Destiny
- Review: It is currently very difficult if not impossible for Sandra to get in touch with/communicate consistently with... (via email) all Catholic School Librarians because she doesn't have current information (there are 73 schools in the archdiocese and staff are changing all the time) This has been especially evident on the PROQUEST dilemma. Although a survey was sent out to as many people as Sandra had email addresses for (in an attempt to get feedback on what schools were using ProQuest)- it appears that only about 9 schools are using it-most of them are HS. It was noted the there is a possibility that some of the elementary schools may be using CULTUREGRAMS, ELIBRARY, WORLD CONFLICTS which come somehow with the ProQuest subscription but this wasn't addressed in the initial survey.
- Bottom Line The archdiocese will no longer be able to cover the \$3800.00 cost of ProQuest per year. It is unclear as to whether the individual schools that want to keep ProQuest can approach ProQuest directly to find out what their individual school rate might be... Sandra will try to get an answer to this question.
- Update: Additionally, Sandra has been approached by World Book online as well as the Disney Channel as to whether our Catholic schools which serve 23,000 students (5th largest school district in the state and therefore can sometimes get a really good "rate") would like to purchase these services. Again, it is hard for Sandra to know how to proceed as she can't even be sure that she can access (via email) all of the Catholic School Librarians to get their feedback and get agreement they would want to purchase these (Disney/World Book) or other services like this...
- Service Difficulty: Mary Carson from St. Louise School expressed her concern about an incident that occurred this year with the organization that is servicing the Destiny users (Devon from PSESD). Apparently there was a malfunction from their end that took over three weeks to resolve. Overdue notices were being incorrectly sent out causing lots of parental emails to librarians. Sandra agreed to look into this situation. This problem also happened with one other school, St. Charles Borromeo.
- Suggestion: CSLA would appreciate being able to approach school principal's directly through their quarterly principal meetings in order to advocate for improvements to the school libraries- such as a follow-

up on how Destiny is working or approaching the Principals as a group for answers to questions that involve budgets but apply system-wide (i.e. like potential to purchase the Discovery Channel or World Book online services.) Sandra agreed to look into this possibility for the mid-October 2010 principal meeting.

Follow-up Barb will send Tessa the contact info at PSESD for ProQuest, who is Angela Bolem abolam@psed.org Send her your IP address and website information and that you are part of the Archdiocesan School group

Treasurer Report – Susan Lisi reported that there is \$520.02 in our account – from email

Meeting Adjourned: 11:15am

Next Meeting: **SAVE THE DATE:**
Friday October 22nd 2010
8:30am – 12noon
St. Louise School
Bellevue

Follow-up **Host: Mary Carson-our new CSLA President**
Mary will send Liz address/driving directions to put in the meeting announcement. Put in announcement that traffic is crazy-leave plenty of time to get to the east side

Thank you: To Karen Mitchell-Queen of Angels, Port Angeles for sharing the Scholastic Books with her fellow CSLA members
To Sr. Ann –again for everything and for sharing the posters
To Judy Gillespie Ratner for the lovely breakfast and hosting our meeting today!

Respectfully submitted-
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