



General Membership Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023

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1. Welcome
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. Current balance is \$13,743.59 upcoming expenses include holiday breakfast and refreshments at general meetings
3. Sector Reports/Announcements: Next meetings 11/30 @ 8:30 am.
 - a. Northern Sector: At the October meeting topics discussed included: how to speak about the Arab/Israeli conflict in the classroom, SAT digital testing - school day testing on Saturday must be during their testing window - if outside the window, you must allow any student in and on your network OR you can close it but will not have College Board tech support. Members also discussed challenges in administering SAT. There was a discussion about the Chemistry Regents and 3-8 assessment results (The 3-8 results for all districts won't be released publicly by NYSED until spring). There was a discussion about counting Regents exams and which districts will use a "Do No Harm" policy this year.
 - b. Southern Sector: Discussed NADCON, digital PSAT/SAT experiences - PSAT generally ran smoothly, ESSER Accountability desk audit - advice was to give as much documentation as possible, APPR renegotiations, dual enrollment courses and different universities and colleges that people contract with, Arab/Israeli conflict and how to discuss with students, CBT, and Computer Science SOCE.. Also discussed was how many different honor societies districts have and how much service credit each requires. Some districts allow activities to "count" for more than one requirement. It's overwhelming for the students.
4. NADCON Planning Committee Update
 - a. Planning is underway. Date is January 18-19. Survey results regarding participation have been received. Bill Daggett will speak about forward thinking and how to teach students for their future and not our past. Laura will talk about how to be courageous and mindful leaders in these times. There may be a networking session planned for Thursday evening after the Laura Campbell presentation. The possibility of extending Laura Campbell's presentation until 7 pm was also discussed..
5. Book Club Update
 - a. Survey was sent out to solicit recommendations for books.
 - b. The book club is a collegial discussion for about an hour to discuss a book chapter each meeting. Different members take turns presenting chapters.
 - c. Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month starting January 10th from 8-9 am.
6. Holiday breakfast update
 - a. Please RSVP here: [NADCO Holiday Breakfast RSVP](#)
 - b. 40 respondents so far
 - c. December 15th at the Garden City Hotel
 - d. White Elephant exchange - \$15 gift
7. Meeting dates for February and March

- a. Date changes were highlighted. It was agreed to move the February Sector meetings to February 15th.
- 8. Member Items
 - a. BOCES Updates
 - i. Dec 1 deadline was extended to Jan 15 for substantial equivalency reporting
 - ii. Nassau BOCES virtual SIFE program (Don Brosnan)
 - 1. 538 SIFE students in Nassau County - spread out in 26 districts so difficult to provide programming for these students
 - 2. HS level virtual program will involve NYS developed Bridges SIFE curriculum - foundational math, integrated ENL/ELA and portfolio assessment - looking to launch in January 2024, cost TBD
 - 3. 3 periods per day, synchronous learning, approved by NYSED with BOCES overseeing the instruction and student enrollment
 - 4. Students will log on with tech and support provided by the home district - small classes of 5-10 students each
 - 5. Flyer distributed and attached.
 - iii. EIB: Microaggressions: Cultivating an Affirming Learning Environment workshop (Shaundrika Langley-Grey or Matt DiMenna)
 - 1. Flyer attached
 - iv. Center for Professional Development and customizable PD options (Trish Iannacone)
 - 1. Customizable PD options - Math PD was presented. See flyers attached for two examples of options - other ideas include common assessments and creating custom curricula
 - 2. There are also curriculum specialists in other areas
 - 3. BOCES worked with a district to create a Mentor training for Teacher Aides to be able to serve as mentors to other aides
 - 4. LETRS science of reading contract being completed - PD to become available in January
 - b. Changes to secondary science curricula
 - i. Question about sequence - Living Environment, Earth Science, etc. More schools putting Living Environment in 8th grade
 - c. Refresh cycles for devices (e.g. Chromebooks, other)
 - i. Districts shared their cycles - 4 year cycles are being used by many, some using 3 year- breakage costs seem to increase in year 4. Lenovo Chromebooks seem to last longer
 - d. For the Good of the Order

REVISED CALENDAR

September 2023 • 14, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 21, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM October 2023 • 12, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 26, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM November 2023 • 16, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 30, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM December 2023 • 15, Holiday Breakfast, 8:30 AM, Garden City Hotel January 2024 • 18-19 NADCON III	February 2024 • 8, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 15, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM March 2024 • 7, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM • 21, General Meeting 8:30 AM April 2024 • 18, General Meeting, 8:30 AM May 2024 • 2, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM • 16, General Meeting, 8:30 AM June 2024 • 7, Year End Luncheon, 1:30 PM (tentative)
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