

Metropolitan Library Service Agency
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 10th, 2018
St. Paul Public Library – Highland Park
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Members Present:

Anoka:		Ramsey:	Jill Boldenow
Carver:	Heidi Hoks	Saint Paul:	Catherine Penkert
Dakota:	Margaret Stone	Scott:	Jake Grussing
Hennepin:	Lois Langer Thompson	Washington:	Keith Ryskoski

Staff Present: Ken Behringer, Kate Brown, and Mona Scott

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryskoski called the meeting to order at 9:10AM.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (July 13, 2018).

Motion by Hoks to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Stone. Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. 2018 Formula distribution

The Directors acknowledged the limitations of the current formula model but a consensus around any preferable model could not be discovered.

Motion by Stone to accept the formula distribution as shown on page 13 of the Advisory Board packet. Second by Thompson. Motion carried.

B. Purchase of LibCal Event and Room Reservation System

Scott presented the details of the LibCal Event and Room Reservation System which includes:

1. LibCal is the only system that interfaces with Bibliocommons.
2. There will be one, and possibly a second, migration from Evanced to LibCal.
3. The bulk export feature needs to be functional before the migration.

Scott will go back to Springshare (developer of LibCal) and ask if past events going back to January 2018 will be available for state reporting reasons.

Motion by Boldenow to support the purchase of LibCal contingent upon additional development by Springshare. Second by Grussing. Motion carried.

C. Assessing Interest in MELSA-sponsored Measures/Outcomes Training

The Directors revisited a topic that was last discussed in 2016. All eight library systems are interested in new ways of measuring outcomes. Hennepin and Dakota County have both tried using PLA Outcomes but found that they didn't serve their needs. The Directors agreed that they do not have access to the necessary data they would need to measure most outcomes, specifically efforts in early literacy.

Penkert will share some data that was received from the St. Paul School District through Sprockets. Thompson was asked to inquire how Hennepin County Library shares data with multiple school districts. Grussing has had conversations with the Shakopee School District Superintendent about adding a library question to the Kindergarten screening that is done for all students. Stone will share the Dakota County's data received through the Raise-A-Reader campaign.

HCL has done some research on moving to a fine free model and two HCL staff members presented information on the process at a recent Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators (CRPLSA) meeting. These presenters will be invited to speak at the November Advisory Board meeting.

D. Continued Discussion: *From Awareness to Funding: 2018*

Further discussion continued on the *From Awareness to Funding* study. One possibility suggested was to choose an initiative and all 8 member library systems rally around it.

E. Consideration of New Appointment to the Minitex Policy Advisory Council

Margaret Stone volunteered to serve as the Metro area representative on the Minitex Policy Advisory Council.

Motion by Thompson to appoint Stone to the Minitex Policy Advisory Council. Second by Hoks. Motion carried.

F. Status of the October 2018 Advisory Board meeting

A decision was made to cancel the October 2018 Advisory Board meeting due to the inability to assemble more than five Directors at any one time.

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director and MELSA Staff Updates

Behringer will send out calendar requests to the members of the RLBSS Formula Group to meet in St. Cloud sometime in September.

HCL is conducting own research on Career Online High School. Both RCL and DCL are questioning the expense of Career Online High School and if there is a place for them in that field.

Behringer received a request from a law library requesting inclusion on the MELSA member library list. A decision was made to add law libraries to the list but also to keep them under a separate heading from the MELSA member libraries.

Grussing will pursue discussions with the Shakopee School Superintendent about getting a library use question added to the Kindergarten screening questionnaire.

V. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Grussing. Second by Hoks. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06AM