

BTRC Policy Board Meeting:**Monday May 20, 2019**

Attendance: Thomas Gattie, Joseph Montante, Janine Schuster, Darlene Jesionowski, Greg Sawicki, Rich Nigro, Lynn Garcia, Ruyvette Townsend, Crystal Benton, Rich Pyszczek, Charlotte Watson-Wales, Aimee Bell, Robert Gallagher, Melissa Kenney, Melinda MacPherson-Sullivan

I. Call to order: 4:31pm

Tom Gattie, Chairperson

II. Approval of minutes

Motion: Lynn Garcia “To accept minutes of the December 3rd meeting.”

Seconded: Greg Sawicki

Motion carried

III. Directors Report:**Course approval New to be approved:**

Understanding China, course in conjunction with the UB Confucius Center: open to all pubs and non-pubs starting July 8-12, 2019

Techniques for Teaching Students with Autism

5 BTRC courses are offered: 4 previously approved.

3 online in July

1 off site in July

1 online in August

Math Workshops:

3 days of training for turn- key presenters for all grade levels in Next Gen Math standards. Teachers are creating courses for next year

Some courses are at the BTRC, some will be hybrid some will be totally online.

Program committee:

Membership: Rich Nigro, Melissa Kenney, Janine Schuster, Charlotte Watson-Wales, Lynn Garcia, Rich Pyszczek, Greg Sawicki. Meeting TBD August 2019.

2019- 2020 Continuation Grant Budget: Review of the new grant budget

Discussion around:

What is included in indirect costs associated with the BTRC grant.

Tuition reimbursement (grade of C or better) for teacher aides in classes to attain the Teacher Assistant Lev. 3 certificate in conjunction with Erie Community College.

(More teacher aides are expected in the future)

Motion: “To accept the Budget for the 2019- 2020 Continuation Grant” Rich Nigro

Seconded: Lynn Garcia

Motion carried

Facilitator posting:

The posing is online, up for 10 days

The new system emails when qualified people apply.

Some current facilitators are retiring Policy Board will need to set up an interview committee

IV. New Business:

Social Media Committee: Melissa Kenney brought up the need to use Social Media to inform teachers of upcoming events at the Teacher Center. She proposed a committee to handle the operation. Discussion about whether there needs to be a by-law amendment to create a new committee. **Director:** Moment of Personal Privilege: Tom Gattie is retiring, and Director thanked Mr. Gattie for all the help he has been to her and the Policy Board. He will be sorely missed by all.

Motion: To adjourn with our deepest gratitude for his service, to Thomas Gattie, outgoing Chair.

Motion: Greg Sawicki

Seconded by Melissa Kenney

Motion carried unanimously at 5:14pm