

Minutes WCCSE Spring Articulation 2022-23

June 1, 2023

9:00 - 2:30/3:00, at Franklin School

Members Present: Kristin Baker (Mansfield), Maggie Devine (WHHS), Christine Drevitch (Wash. Twp), Alyssa Eisner (North Warren), Jamie Leiser (Hackettstown), Jennifer Mazziotta-Walter (Harmony), Deirdre Mulligan (White), Bill Nutt (Great Meadows), Kim Reber (Knowlton), Becky Snyder (Wash. Boro), Jackie Solecito (WHMS), Erin Tierney (Belvidere), Heather Weidlick (Lopatcong), Barbara Weinstein (Franklin)

1. Welcome, Introductions

WCCSE Structure

Officers and Exec Bd

Events coordinated by WCCSE member volunteers

Event coordinators responsible for all aspects of event:

Location/Site arrangements

Registration (must be handled only by certificated staff due to student names)

Publicity

Send emails to Corresponding Secretary

Send web announcements to Webmaster

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Budget/Supplies/Presenters - reimbursement per receipts

Most events run \$150-500 TOTAL... some are no cost, using existing materials

Awards capped at \$150 total per event

Annual registration fee pays for any/ALL participation

WCCSE cannot purchase refreshments

WCCSE does not pay members to coordinate events

Current Officers: Chair Kristin Baker, Treas Christine Drevitch & Jamie Leiser, Webmaster Kim Reber, Secretaries: Barbara Weinstein (recording), Becky Snyder (corresponding) Membership Chair Jenn Mazziotta-Walter
Exec Bd: Bill Nutt, Alyssa Eisner, Maggie Devine, Deirdre Mulligan

ELECTIONS ... Nominations for 23-24...

Needed:

A. Recording Secretary

Heather Weidlick nominated herself, seconded by KB. Nomination passed unanimously; election passed unanimously.

B. Exec Bd positions are open; members may volunteer to join the Executive Board at the Sept meeting. This is a year-by-year commitment.

Discussion followed about making offices “evergreen” rather than revisiting elections for offices that are not vacant. This can be formalized at fall meeting if the group decides on this direction.

2. Announcements

Volunteerism - Let’s continue to be mindful of our *human* resources:

- Individuals are asked to respect commitments undertaken
 - Respect the time and decisions of coordinators who provide events

BS commented: “Hats off to all of us for even running/volunteering for events this year. We started the year not even sure we could hold IRL events, and it was very challenging in terms of scheduling, storm dates, and cancellations. So we need to support those who step up and volunteer.”

- Registration is a commitment, as events are planned per reg. numbers

FOR THE FUTURE: Registration forms must include the storm date; registrants must state whether they can make storm date at the time of registration.

- Event dates are due at Sept meeting INCLUDING a storm date
 - Respect these dates as commitments
- The WCCSE Statement on Facilitator Decisions as FINAL.
 - See WCCSE Policies at <http://wccse.weebly.com/policies.html>
 - **“All members agree to support the event coordinator’s decisions.**

3. 2022/23 EVENTS

It was suggested that events have 2 coordinators for assistance and coverage in case of emergency.

EVENT NAME	Gr	2022/2023 Date and Notes	Coordinator(s)	Notes for 23/24
<i>Mind-Nastics - Gr 4</i>	4	Oct. 18 Went well– no issues held at Church	Kim Reber	Erin Tierney will assist this next year with a plan to take over.
<i>Legos on the Loose - Grade 3</i>	3	March 9, 23	Jamie Leiser	Jamie will do again, also planning Invention for gr 4; maybe Jan & April
<i>Battle of the Minds</i> ^{5%}	5,6	Dec 6, 2022	Jennifer Mazziotta-Walter	Nov. 1st next year. Nov 13th storm date.
<i>Battle of Minds</i> ^{7%}	7,8	March 7	Heather Weidlick	earlier– Jan./Feb.? awaiting board approval
<i>Math-a-Magicians - Gr 3</i>	3	Dec 13 Nancy did an admirable job, considering she had never even attended this event; used older students as helpers. Well organized	Nancy Baglio	late Oct-Dec? bring back 2nd gr as separate event
<i>Year Game 2023 - Gr 4-8 (lower grades welcome)</i> <i>Award categories vary to maximize recognitions.</i> <i>YearGame GeekOut - April with TechFest</i>	4-8; 3rd	Dec - Feb Discussed how Year Game is taught, and how to check/submit answers. “In-house” YG competitions have autonomy; participating in WCCSE competition requires entries to be submitted to web portal for review.	Kristin Baker	Bill has 99 answers for 2024... warns 93 is hard Kristin has former student who wrote code to solve any year

Debate Grades 5-8 <i>(Parent/teacher judges, Teachers as room chaperones)</i> <i>Resolved: Social media is making us less social (2023)</i>	5-8	Jan Alyssa = venue Christine = coordinated judges (older students)	Kristin Baker Christine Drevitch Alyssa Eisner	aiming for Dec during the day; change of venue to accommodate all students. Maggie offered WHHS library
Pringles Project	flexible	Signups Oct-Nov; matching Dec; pkgs mailed Jan-Feb Partner schools set their schedules Bill/Becky opened pkgs live via Zoom	Barbara Weinstein	Jenn Mazz and Deirdre to take over; can set their own schedule. Barbara will forward rules
Robotics - Grades K-8 <i>Two divisions, variety of robots. No RC.</i>	K...8	March 15 (afterschool) Robots used included Edison Bots, Lego Mindstormers, EB3, Spike, Dash NOT a race due to variety	Christine Drevitch Jenn Mazz (Adam Tucker)	maybe limit to gr. 3-8 afterschool? midday? need date earlier possibly May
Spelling Bee 5-6	5,6	Feb 15	Stephanie Condon	P'burg confirmed they will do this again
Marvelous Math - Gr 2	2	not held 2022-23		Nancy Baglio for next year Rutherford Hall Oct or Jan or April
Convocation - Grades 6/7 Physics of Skating Villa Roller Rink	6,7	Feb 22 Huge success– high interest– turnkey However, not much interaction & expensive (\$11/student)	Barbara Weinstein Becky Snyder	Convo 2024 TBD NEW EVENT Villa Skating as Phab Physics 6-7-8; Bill to negotiate w/Villa for reduced rate
Strategic Thinking Day - Rubik's Cube tournament	5	March 30 * see issue below	Becky Snyder	utilize HS students and/or WHMS students.

		Becky happy with games and schedule; used many “helpers”		limit to 100– 8 per school 3/22/24 storm date 4/10
<i>Phabulous Physics - Gr 3/4</i>	3,4	March April 5 (storm date)	Nancy Baglio	needs co-coordinator; too much running between rooms
<i>Chess Tournament K - 6</i>	K ...6	March	Mike Micucci	3/5/24 storm date 3/12/24 Mike to coordinate w/Nancy on Rutherford Hall
<i>Chess Tournament 7 - 8</i>	7,8	not held 2022-23		little info available
<i>Parent Webinar:</i> From Stumbling Blocks to Building Blocks: A Toolbox of Strategies GT/SEL, speaker Lynne Henwood, 160 registrants	par- ents teach ers	April 2023 105 logins; most from NJ, but not nec. Warren County well received. Lynne = remote; others were “live” panel fielding questions	Kristin Baker Kim Reber Deirdre Mulligan Jenn Mazz Walter	Suggest Emily K. Morris, or Dr. Matt Z. revisit date/speaker/format in fall possibly Jan/Feb, esp. if remote Neurodiversity Podcast - EKM
<i>Young Writers’ Competition 2022-23</i>	K-12	Spring MD wrote to B&N corp. they donated 15 \$25 gift cards used for 1st place winners. She bought gift cards/prizes totalling \$123 for other winners. Used many judges; CD suggested we give judges an honorarium.	Maggie Devine	moving to the fall; entries due early Nov
<i>WCCSE Video Expo & Competition</i>	K ...8	May 5 Great event w/great prizes: green screen drape, bodysuit, gloves and puppet kit, bluetooth mic, tripod, all	Kristin Baker	Not having Denny Daniel - not every year; too expensive and not “special” if too often

		bought on Amazon (under \$100 total) Denny Daniels (History of Film hands-on exhibit) was a hit		
<i>Battle of the Books 3/4</i>	3,4	May Went well for first solo effort; use of computers aided scoring	Kim Reber	8 books; some new...
<i>Battle of the Books 5/6</i>	5,6	April 1st rounds virtual; only final round IRL scheduling nightmare	Bill Nutt	Need new co-ord! Bill will advise/help but will not run this; new person can do any way they want (virtual or IRL) Kim has access to questions. Bill will do a list
<i>Battle of the Books 7-8</i>	7,8	May	Alyssa Eisner	May 15 No storm date? book list to come; 4 new, 4 recycled
<i>TechFest GeekOut</i> <i>Mansfield/Warren Hills MS & HS</i>		April 12 stations; about 80 people attended not a competition– just open house to show&tell&try tech stuff; also included YearGame Awards celebration	Kristin Baker Daryl Detrick	would like to expand to include other schools

4. Business

A. Treasurer's Report - Christine Drevitch

We currently have \$8858 in our treasury, mostly due to Kristin and Christine's diligent pursuit of past due fees. In addition, the Young Writer's Competition brought in \$200 in non-member school participation. There is one more item outstanding: the Video Expo awards (paid today).

Progress on collections of past due fees

The procedure established at the January Exec. Bd mtg has helped quite a bit; we collected \$2700 in past due fees.

See correspondence for updated policies regarding participation and registration fees.

Electronic payment discussion – Christine to explore Zelle/Venmo/etc. Will continue hybrid for people who do not have these.

B. GRANTS:

* for PD or student programming needs, available to districts with PAID registration fees only

Briefly explained for new members

Grants recipient (Wash Boro) please (briefly) share results.

Becky bought a breakout box, used it extensively with grades K-6. Used it so much, she ordered another for next year. Subscription is \$100/yr; she also used part of the grant for chess supplies.

* for Professional Development (CONFRATUTE): 6 virtual (July 12-14) full scholarships or 1-2 partial IRL (July 9-14) Confratute scholarship.

The deadline for early bird pricing is today (6/1); Kristin has spoken with them, and they are willing to work with us and will extend the group rate for us until Monday/Tuesday.

These scholarships are funded through the 22/23 budget. After discussion, there is interest (3) in the virtual option. Bill will send out an email asking if there are other people interested in the virtual option, and will follow up with coordinating Confratute registrations.

Vote needed to increase individual PD allowance to \$350; special requests will be considered pending available funds, approval requiring consensus of 3 or more Exec Bd, inc. Treasurer.

CD: I make a motion the PD grant allowance be increased to \$350 per person annually; special requests will be considered pending available funds, approval requiring consensus of 3 or more Exec Bd, inc. Treasurer.

JMW seconded.

Motion passed

BW: I make a motion the total PD grant cap be increased to \$2100: special requests are amounts over \$350 per person, and/or over the \$2100 cap.

DM seconded

Motion passed.

NOTE: See email (6/9/23) regarding discounted Confratute registrations which allows for **time-sensitive** mini-grant opportunities.

C. Event Facilitator checklist/timeline

BW presented a new form to help new facilitators. Some changes were made; this form will be available on the website.

D. Website Info submission; roles of WebMaster, Corresponding Secretary

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E. NJAGC

PD Committee- quarterly webinars are planned to address specific themes such as G&T Identification; Program Structures, etc.

KB in charge; these webinars will be available to anyone, not just members

Family liaison group - weekly online meetings coordinated by Connie Drakeobrien; watch for info and please share to your local families.

Very lively group– will be posted on website

F. Gifted Identification

Mansfield is piloting Naglieri3 this year with approx. 20% of total students, pulling from grades K-5. Plan is to use in whole-grade cohorts K & 3. KB discussed their experience; felt it was better than the SAGES, and she plans to continue. Particularly liked there were no words, easy to administer, and captured students who had previously been missed in other identification methods.

The money for this came from Mansfield's Comprehensive Equity plan because of the non-cultural bias.

Check with your BA; perhaps you could also use Title 3 monies because of EL support. Franklin also used this for the 1st time, instead of the OLSAT (which was cumbersome to administer, and very wordy), and was pleased with the results. They will be rolling out in the fall.

Based on member interest, KB will contact NGAT rep (Debbie Robey), and ask if she can present at the fall meeting.

NOTE: Yes, she is happy to zoom-meet with us.

G. Policy Issues

There was an issue regarding the nurse at Strategic Thinking Day.

A school wanted Becky's nurse to administer complicated medicine, as they weren't sending a parent or nurse of their own. Their nurse contacted Becky's nurse, who contacted Becky. Becky told her (and the other school) the WCCSE policy. Escalated: their superintendent contacted Becky's superintendent, who contacted her. She reiterated the policy (which follows state law).

To avoid issues in the future, registration forms for schools should include WCCSE policy on nurses, social media, and nut free. All policies are available on the website.

H. Zoom

We will be letting our current Zoom account (which KB set up through her district for the WCCSE) lapse. We will use Kim's district account for the time being, and will revisit as needed.

DATE for fall meeting? Monday, Sep 18, 2023 , location TBD

submitted by Barbara Weinstein

reviewed and minor revisions by Kristin Baker, 6/10