



Librarians Meeting  
Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart (Library)  
March 12, 2015  
9:00AM – 10:00AM

**Minutes**

In attendance: Gary Schulenberg (St. Mary's HS), Aga Chen (St. Francis HS), Brigid Monica (Canisius HS), Peg Letina (Mt. Mercy), Sandie Nethero (Bishop Timon), Sharon Moore (Immaculata Academy), Leslie Occhiuto (Park), Cynthia Sweet (Gow), Beth Lewitzky (SEM), Lyn Biniszkievicz (SHA), Susan Allen (Nichols) and Eric Yarwood (EdCoWNY).

1. Eric Yarwood started the meeting by thanking Lyn for hosting at SHA. Attendees then introduced themselves by stating their name and the school that they work for.
2. Eric then gave a brief overview explaining the name change from BISSNET to EdCo Collaborative Groups Format. He described the formation of new groups and how they are coming together to promote collaboration within and eventually between them. There was also a discussion of each group having a chair and co-chair with the responsibility of organizing future meetings, creating agendas, minutes and attending an All Chairs meeting twice a school year.
3. Eric solicited a discussion on how this group should go about electing a chair and co-chair for the group. It was decided that we would ask for volunteers as a first step. Leslie Occhiuto and Lyn Biniszkievicz volunteered to share the chair position.
4. Eric then asked for the group to discuss possible goals moving forward. Brigid started the discussion by stating that the goals should be student centric and perhaps focus on reading comprehension. Others chimed in, echoing her concerns and adding points such as study habits/ skills, research skills, etc. Several possible solutions were offered such as "everyone read a book," collaborative online learning and the use of audio books. Aga stated that SS and ELA teachers at St. Francis have been working on "active reading" techniques and that she would ask them for input. The group also had interest in a summer online course that Susan had offered in the past. She stated that she would be happy to facilitate it for the group and others.

5. Leslie brought up an issue with the Gale Database reporting. Eric said that he would investigate. Eric also stated that there may be possibilities down the road to add additional databases for a discounted price through MISBO.

6. Adjournment