

SLSSLA Fall Meeting, September 23, 2015 @ Rose Acres Elementary School

5:00-5:30: Optional Dinner (Jimmy John's)

5:30-6:00: Business Meeting & Ed Plus Presentation

6:00-6:45: Book Bistro

Members in Attendance: 30

Minutes

I. Business Meeting

- MASL
 - News from President, Margaret Sullivan
 - DESE no longer wants libraries to submit their Core 7 data
 - Margaret is attending a MO State Library meeting in Jefferson City on September 24, 2015 to explain the value of this data
 - In the future, MASL may call on its members to “inundate” DESE with messages about the importance of submitting Core 7 data
 - Penny Kittle will present at the MASL Spring Conference
 - News from Second Vice President, Mernie Maestas
 - Kansas City Fall PD Day was a success
 - St. Louis Fall PD Day will take place Saturday, October 3 at Francis Howell Central High School
 - Theme is “Create Curiosity @ Your Library”
 - Conference will feature workshops about makerspaces, coding and booktalks for all levels as well as introduction to MASL’s Pinterest pages
- SLSSLA President, Jennifer Millikan
 - Welcome, introduction of officers
 - New website features allow members to order and pay for membership, meals, etc. online
 - Reminder about Google Summit Conference, October 10, 2015, hosted at Liberty High School
 - Legislative update:
 - ESEA Language:
 - “However, we need every librarian, along with their colleagues, friends, and family, to do one simple thing---Use the ALA-prepared, automated form to send an email, tweet, and/or call to their US Congressmen and women to reauthorize ESEA with

the school library provisions that were unanimously adopted by the Senate education committee under S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act.”

- Additional information is contained in the meeting follow up email on how to send the communication
- SLSSLA Vice President, Kelly Werthmuller
 - Book studies will begin in October
 - Primary: *The Book Whisperer* by Donalyn Miller
 - Secondary: *Book Love* by Penny Kittle
 - Members are encouraged to participate in online discussion of each book (blogs) each month hosted on the slssla.com website
 - In need of librarians willing to facilitate monthly discussions; if interested, email Kelly W.

II. EdPlus Presentation

- Director of Technology and Learning for EdPlus, Stephanie Madlinger
 - EdPlus offers the following services
 - Cooperative purchasing
 - Advocacy
 - Learning
 - PLNs (LARC suggested for Language Arts/Librarians)
 - LMS Academy
 - Customized professional development
 - Workshops
 - Learning Lab Modules (myedplus.org)
 - Character Plus
 - METC
 - Support Staff Academy
 - St. Louis RPDC
 - Contact Stephanie Madlinger for more information: smadlinger@edplus.org

III. “Book Bistro”

- Members broke into groups of elementary and middle/high school librarians to sample preliminary award nominees and booktalk recent reads
- Prize drawing:
 - Winner of *The Book Whisperer*: Lin Edmonston
 - Winner of *Book Love*: Judy Carter