

Electronic Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 28, 2019

Present: Nathan Boyer (SJVLS, Chair,) Rebecca Adams (Mariposa,) Clarisa Bernabe (Fresno,) Smruti Deshpande (Merced,) Heather Eddy (Kern), Tamara Evans (Kings,) Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

Absent: Faythe Arredondo (Tulare County,) Maria Marquez (Tulare Public,) Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera)

Others Present: Sally Gomez (Fresno,) Ignacio Negrete (Madera)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM by Nathan Boyer.
- II. Introductions were given by all.
- III. Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was approved as printed.
- IV. Comments from the Public – None.
- V. Boyer asked that previous meeting minutes be revised to correct the spelling of Bernabe’s last name (from Bernade to Bernabe) and to change the number listed in section VI from 92,000 to 9,200. After receiving verbal confirmation that the meeting minutes would be revised, the previous meeting minutes were approved.
- VI. Projects for Discussion & Action
 - A. Action: Systemwide coding resources
Boyer shared with the committee that SJVLS was contacted by Educode earlier this year and received a grant for access to one class. Boyer stated that Fresno County Library and Tulare County Library were going to run test programs then provide feedback to Boyer. Krista Riggs from Fresno County was coordinating programming in July of this year and in a conversation between Riggs and Boyer three weeks ago, Riggs commented that out of 40 people (kids, teens, and adult) who have signed up for Educode, only 13 have logged on.
Vosburg shared his library’s experience using the coding resources Prenda and Educode then remarked that he felt that Prenda was the better product between the two. Vosburg described how the children he had test Educode really liked that it provides a way to show a spilt screen when coding (has code on one side of the screen and the impact of the code on the other side of the screen.) After having tested Educode and Prenda, Vosburg suggested that Prenda is more geared to kids while Educode is excellent for adults since it uses a drag and drop coding format.
 - B. Action: Cell-Ed Learning Platform
Cell-Ed contacted the SJVLS Administrative Librarian, Bernabe and Gomez regarding their learning platform. Eddy asked Boyer for clarification on what Cell-Ed provides and Boyer responded that Cell-Ed is a mobile learning platform that provides education and job training “micro lessons” through a text-based app. Committee members viewed a Cell Ed information sheet then came to a consensus that Cell Ed is cost prohibitive due to the cost of access

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per number of learners (e.g. access for 5,000 learners would cost \$200,000.) Boyer said he would contact Cell Ed to see if they are willing to offer reduced pricing for consortiums.

C. Discussion: General Purpose Database RFQ

Boyer stated that the SJVLS Consortia EBSCO contract will be expiring in June 2020 and to this end, the consortia will need to submit a RFQ from vendors (i.e. EBSCO, Gale, and Proquest) before signing a new contract. Vosburg expressed interest in viewing system wide database usage statistics to assist with determining which databases types are heavily used by SJVLS member libraries. Boyer said he would compile these statistics and have them available before the next scheduled meeting.

Recently, Boyer sent committee members a web link to an online database interest survey. Boyer asked committee members to complete the survey as soon as possible to assist with determining which database types member libraries value the most. Due to the urgent need to contact vendors to assist with creating the RFQ, Boyer said that the ERC may need to meet via teleconference earlier than the next scheduled meeting on October 16th.

D. Discussion: Budget Update/Digitization

Boyer shared with that Admin Council has given ERC an additional \$30,000 to spend on the purchasing of cloudLibrary eBooks. Eddy asked if any committee members would be interested in assisting with the monthly purchasing of eBooks along with her, Evans and Lawrence. Deshpande replied to Eddy that she would be available to assist with cloudLibrary eBook purchasing starting in October.

Boyer reported that the Admin Council has given \$23,000 to ERC for digitization. Boyer mentioned what was previously done through the digitization project (scanners were purchased and photos were scanned to an online website.) Boyer asked committee members for contact information of volunteers and staff who are currently helping with the digitization project and added that he will contact member libraries to confirm volunteer names and schedule dates and times for future digitization training.

- VII. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Tulare County Library 10:00 AM.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.