

Minutes of the Social Studies Network September 29, 1998

Present: Cinda Lisanto, North Rose Wolcott; Lynn Paulson, Canandaigua; Larry Gambee, Romulus; Marie Johnson, Romulus; Barbara Quinn, Romulus; Jan Driscoll, Midlakes Elementary; Jim Scarfia, Clyde-Savannah.

New York State Social Studies Standards and Assessments:

Cinda Lisanto brought us up to date on what New York State did on this document over the summer. She expressed concern about the K-2 Social Studies content being part of the test. Test contains: Multiple Choice (1/2 hour for completion), Constructed Response (1/2 hour for completion), Document-Based Question (3 to 5 on the Elementary) (1 ½ hours for completion).

Elementary has to draw, label, and identify a picture. Planning and notetaking are also part of the test.

Online chat – training is available.

March 19, 1999 Regional Conference Day Tentative hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Topics: School to Career, Standards Assessments, Rubrics, Portfolios, and Teaching Test Styles.

WFL Social Studies Newsletter is available with a membership for \$5.00 in the WFL Social Studies Group.

October 29, 1999 Social Studies meeting at Red Jacket at 4:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed: Standards and changes, small groups, Elementary testing, and High School testing.

Future meeting topics: DocuShare, what Romulus has accomplished, Social Studies resource guide, what goes into DBQ and CRQ, Guidelines for Constructed Response questions, rubrics, grading exams, and Global History-scope and sequence and prototype questions.

Sharing of what was done during the summer:

Larry Gambee – Peer Review Process in White Plains

He gave an overview of what was involved in the preparation and implementation of the presentation. Outcome leads to a listing in the Academy for Teaching and Learning.

Marie Johnson – Training, construction, and completion of a webquest. She worked with another teacher from Romulus and the Children’s librarian from the Geneva Public Library. The webquest was entitled “Early American Colonial Lifestyles.”

Jan Driscoll – Worked with the ELA program.

Jim Scarfia – New to the area from Rochester.

Cinda Lisanto – Spent the month of July working on the standards and getting the test in order in Albany and Cooperstown.

Lynn Paulson – worked on grades 6-12 standards relating to the districts scope and sequence.