OFLA Professional Development Chair Annual Board Report

April 27, 2022

As the Professional Development Chair of the Ohio Foreign Language Association, I:

I. Collaborated with Kathleen Sheldon from ODE to advertise and bring together World Language Wednesdays Virtual Meetups during the school year of 2021-2022 of 2020. I helped promote the events.

II. Participated in the teacher cohort that is helping ODE create a virtual PBLL course teachers for World Language teachers. Assisted Kathleen Sheldon and Martha Pero with making this cohort training accredited by Ashland University.

III. Organized, promoted, attended and provided technical support for the October 2, 2021 regional professional development webinar series, “This is a test!”

IV. Collaborated with professor Manuela to bring together the November 13th, 2021 regional professional development “Intercultural Competence Workshop.” I advertised, promoted, completed online registration, attended, and provided technical assistance for the presenter.

V. Collaborated with Debbie McCorkle to put together the OFLA Book Club for the Spring of 2022. I prepared online registration and promoted 3 book club sessions starting in March 2022 through May 2022. I advertised, promoted, completed online registration, attended, and provided technical assistance for the presenter.

VI. Collaborated with Kaleigh Baker to bring together soon to come the April 30th, 2022 regional professional development “Technology in the World Language Classroom with the SAMR Model.” I advertised, promoted and completed online registration as well as the contact hours forms. I will attend, and provided technical assistance for the presenter.

VII. Collaborated with Kaleigh Baker and Megan Brady to put together a “Spring Refresh” in person regional professional development. Unfortunately due to low enrollment it did not take place. I advertised, promoted and completed online registration as well as additional information for participants and presenters.

VIII. Posted to the OFLA listserv and sent posts to be places in the Facebook page and OFLA twitter account related to all the regional professional developments. I wrote two articles for our Cardinal newsletter.

IX. Attended the 2021-2022 LILL meet-up sessions and will participated in the Leadership Academy Conference of June 2022.

X. Met and plan Professional Development opportunities with our 10 members PD committee to lead the Professional Development for OFLA this year. We have held five committee meetings from September of 2021 until now. We will meet two more times this year to plan for the school year 2022-2023. The committee members helped secure our regional PD presenters, organize the events and provided technical support.

XI. Collaborated with Widad Mousa to provide a Professional Development in NEOEA day on October of 2022. The initial application has been submitted and Widad and I will collaborate to
put the details and technical support for this project in the months to come. This PD session will be available in-person in the Strogsville High School. The session is named “Exploring the Arab Culture: Cultural Awareness for Educators.” It is the first of a cultural awareness series that the PD committee intends to develop.

XII. Met with Geri Atanassova-Boft from OSU to plan to combine resources to create the video series showing young professionals and students expressing the benefits that learning a second language has brought for them academically, personally and professionally. This project still on-going.

XIII. Met with Teri Wiechart and Lisa Howie to learn the process of registration and collecting payments for the effect of the upcoming 2022 OLFA conference. Started following up on registrations and double checking for errors in the system to make the registration process smoother.

XIV. Wrote two articles for The Cardinal Newsletter and I am in the process of writing a third one for the due date of 5/1.

Respectfully submitted,
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