

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
DATE: January 16, 2019

CREC
Council Meeting Minutes
1/16/19
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
CREC Central
Rooms 101 & 102
111 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Jackie Blea - Avon	Greg Florio –Executive. Director - CREC
Donald Harris - Bloomfield	Sandy Cruz-Serrano – Deputy Director - CREC
Christopher Wilson - Bristol	Tim Sullivan – Superintendent of Magnet Schools CREC
Tyron V. Harris – Est Hartford	Deborah Richards – Director, Student Services - CREC
Gary Blanchette	Amy Karwan – Director, Resource Group - CREC
Jeremy Grieveson - Glastonbury	Jeff Ivory – Comptroller - CREC
Mark Fiorentino - Granby	Sarah Vocca – Assistant Superintendent
Karen Taylor - Hartford	Julia Winer – Director of Public Policy and Strategic Planning - CREC
Merrill Gay – New Britain	Patrice McCarthy - Deputy. Director and General Counsel, CABA
John Vecchitto – Region #10	Gideon Blotnick –Student Senate Representative
Laurie Boske – Rocky Hill	
Lydia Tedone - Simsbury	
Anne Kirkpatrick - Somers	
David Joy – South Windsor	
Carol Anderson-Blanks – West Hartford	

Becky Tyrrell	
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I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

A. 12/5/18 Council Meeting

MOTION: Motion to approve the December 5, 2018 minutes made Don Harris, seconded Jackie Blea, and passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL**

A. Construction- Magnet Schools – presented by Tim Sullivan (power point presentation being sent to all CREC Council members via email following the meeting)

IV.**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jeremy Grieveson stated that the Finance Committee met last week and the items discussed are on the agenda for today's meeting and does not foresee any issues with getting the council members approval. The Legislative Committee met today. Julia Winer is preparing a two-sided document for the Legislative Agenda to spotlight the priority issues. The document will be sent out to all council members by email.

V. CONSENT AGENDAA. **2018-2019 Continuing Programs**

1) Entitlement Grants (Attachment A)

B. **2018-2019 Revised Programs**

1) CREC Resource Group Supplemental Services (Attachment B)

MOTION: A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson seconded by Don Harris, and passed unanimously to approve all items under Consent Agenda Section A & B.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio informed the Council that the CABE E-Meeting is well underway with a start date of March as training has begun for CREC staff and there will be upcoming information as far as training for the CREC Council members. Spoke on the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on 1/24. Requesting all council members speak to their representative to have active participation and increase representation. Also informed on Ella Briggs as student from the Ana Grace who will be sworn in as Kid Governor on Friday 1/18 by invitation only. Provided information for the Bruce Douglas Scholarships (see-attached flyer).

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

David Joy Council Chair once again thanked Chris Wilson for heading last month meeting as he was away. Expressed the importance of attendance and participation in monthly council meetings. Stated that the list of CREC council members will be sent to all members once it has been updated to reflect changes. Council Chair

stated the importance of attendance at the Legislative Breakfast and for members to reach out to their representative and expressed the importance of attendance. Council Chair stated that the attended CT School Finance Project and League of Women Voters – Pension Academy that took place on Friday, January 11 at the State Capitol Building, found it quite informative, and stated he would send out the link to the council members.

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION

A. New Business

1. Magnet School Funding Resolution (Attachment C)

B. Old Business

MOTION: A motion was made by Chris Wilson seconded by Lydia Tedone, and passed unanimously to approve item A Deliberated Action with suggested changes.

Opposed: Carol Anderson-Blanks

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patrice McCarthy – provided insight in the Inauguration Ceremony for Governor Ned Lamont including the 19 Cannon Salute. Gave update on what is up and coming in the legislative sessions and stated there is a lot of work to be done. She stated she would send information on Task Force and Legislative Committees to be distributed.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Attachment D) - Sandy Cruz Serrano reviewed financial report with the council members.

B. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Handout) – Sandy Cruz Serrano spoke on the CAFRA Report and thank Jeff Ivory and his team for all his hard work on the preparation for this audit. Also stated that the Audit found no deficiencies with our processes and financials. (copy of report handed out at the meeting)

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jeremy Grieveson commended the very constructive and straight to the point resolution and approves and supports it. David Joy is also in favor of the resolution as well as Mark Fiorentino. Anne Kirkpatrick stated they should allow every High School to have early graduation – Ellington submitted a bill. Gary Blanchette spoke About students missing graduation due to snow days or weather. Don Harris spoke how 2019 marks 400 years after slaves arrived In America. Don Harris was part of the panel discussion of Bill #509 An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Pubic School Curriculum. Don Harris also reminded council members of the upcoming February19, Equity Panel discussion at the LOB and also the NSBA conference that will take place March 29-31 in Philadelphia.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by Becky Tyrrell and seconded by John Vecchitto passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 1:20pm