

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
DATE: November 13, 2020

CREC
Council Meeting Minutes
11/18/20
11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting
(Info to follow in the Appointment Invite)

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Jackie Blea - Avon	Greg Florio - CREC
Donald Harris -Bloomfield	Sandy Cruz-Serrano -CREC
Chris Davey- Bolton	Mason Thrall - CREC
Christopher Wilson - Bristol	Tim Sullivan -CREC
John Scheideler - Canton	Amy Karwan - CREC
Tyron V. Harris –East Hartford	Aura Alvarado - CREC
Kate Carey-Trull – East Windsor	Heather Tartaglia- CREC
Joyce Hall - Enfield	Regina Terrell - CREC
Julie Thompson	Jeff Ivory - CREC
Becky Tyrrell -Plainville	Patricia McCarthy – CABE
John Vecchitto – Region #10	Senae Graham – Student Representative
Laurie Boske – Rocky Hill	Namakula Edwards – Parent Senate Representative
Lydia Tedone - Simsbury	
Anitha Elango – South Windsor	
Maureen Sattan - Suffield	
Mark Zydanowicz – West Hartford	

Bobbie Hughes-Granato - Wethersfield	
David Furie - Windsor	
Patricia King – Windsor Locks	

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

A. 10/21/20 Council Meeting

MOTION: Motion to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes made Joyce Hall seconded John Vecchitto, and passed unanimously. The following Council members abstained: Mark Zydanowicz, Jackie Blea and Julie Thompson.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

II. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

Mason Thrall, Sandy Cruz-Serrano provided updates on school construction projects that are completed or are currently in the works (i.e. AAEE, Ana Grace). Mason spoke about the impact COVID19 has had on these projects. He stated getting steel from NY to CT by contractors has problems due to closures. In addition, there have been bouts of COVID19 outbreaks with contractors delaying these projects. Powerpoint presented to council members in this meeting will be provided with minutes. Tim Sullivan provided updates on two newest facilities as far as number of student enrollment, waitlist, performance, etc.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tyron Harris stated that the Finance Committee met on 11/11 via ZOOM to discuss council exhibits that will be up for vote later on in this meeting,

Dr. Florio informed the council members that the By Law Committee (Chris Wilson, Chris Davey, Bobbie Granato, Merrill Gay, Tyron Harris) met and discuss making changes to the By Laws. There will be a draft of the By Law presented in the January Council meeting and anticipate a vote in the February meeting. (PowerPoint presentation will be provided with the minutes).

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. General Item

1) Ana Grace Arts Academy (Attachment A)

B. 2020-2021 Revised Program

1) Early Childhood Education (Attachment B)

MOTION: A motion was made by Lydia Tedone seconded by Don Harris and passed unanimously to approve all items under Consent Agenda Section A and B.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio provided some information on CREC Annual Report 20-21. He highlighted on organization chart, services, departments etc. Also provided information of our services (matrix), services utilized by schools in districts. Summary provided. (slide presentation will be provided with minutes)

Dr. Florio wanted to inform everyone that the Legislative Committee meeting invite will be sent out in the next couple of weeks (December).

He notified the council meeting about the decision to go full remote learning for the week of 11/30 -12/4 with return to in person learning on 12/7. Taking precautions due to Thanksgiving Day holiday and gatherings.

VI. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**VII. DELIBERATED ACTION**

A. New Business

1) Bus Driver Collective Bargaining Agreement – This action has been pulled as There was not a vote by the union representative. Will be brought forward in our next meeting – Per Regina Terrell.

B. Old Business

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patrice McCarthy informed that the General Assembly would reconvene on 1/6/202. Still no process on how this will be conducted. The special sessions utilized the house chambers and voted from their offices. There are still questions as to the hearing process. The number of bills will be significantly limited due to COVID19. Mandatory vaccines mostly to return. In December they will be establishing legislative priorities. No word on leaderships committee will keep everyone posted usually around the Christmas holiday.

IX. REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Attachment C) – Sandy Cruz Serrano presented the Financial Report. Updated council members on status of the audits. The general audit is completed and the next audit should be completed by December or January.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jackie Blea and Lydia Tedone expressed concerns on the labeling/wording of the buses for choice students. Students do not like as they feel uncomfortable. Dr. Florio stated will look into changing and will follow up.

David Furie spoke about the Teacher of the Year and Para of the Year both in Windsor. Also spoke about a video on COVID19 being recorded.

Don Harris reminded Council members of the CABA Assembly tomorrow at 11/19 at 2pm should be finish by 4pm please register ASAP.

Lydia Tedone informed the members on the informative workshops that have been

Going on for some time now. There will be one today on Role & Responsibility and Communication. Tomorrow they will have Board Chair Check-in. On December 2nd one on Budget and December 7th Board Advocacy Roles.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION: A Motion made by Don Harris and seconded by Laurie Boske and passed unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 12:40 pm