

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
DATE: May 14, 2021

CREC Annual Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

RSVP to Gloria Dieppagdieppa@crec.org

Council Members Present: Don Harris, Bloomfield; Chris Wilson, Bristol; Tyron V. Harris, East Hartford; Kate Carey-Trull, East Windsor; Kim Oliver, Hartford; Merrill Gay, New Britain; Meg Scata, Portland; John Vecchitto, Region #10; Laurie Boske, Rocky Hill; Lydia Tedone, Simsbury; Krista Chery, Somers; Anitha Elango, South Windsor; Maureen Sattan, Suffield; Deb Rodriguez, Vernon; Mark Zydanowicz, West Hartford; Bobbie Hughes-Granato, Wethersfield; David Furie, Windsor

CREC Staff/Other Attendees Present: Greg Florio, Sandy Cruz-Serrano, Tim Sullivan, Aura Alvarado, Regina Terrell, Heather Tartaglia, Amy Karwan, Jeff Ivory, Mason Thrall, Elsie Gonzalez, Kristina Jordan, Deb Borrero, Elaina Brachman, Darlene Wolliston, Alisa Collins, Tom Sullivan, Susan Bassett, Carlos Figueroa, Sarah Vocca, Sasha Douglas, Namakula Edwards, Jeremy Grieveson, Tom Parvenski, Bruce Douglas, Allison Grieveson

AGENDA

11:30 a.m. Logging into Zoom

11:32 a.m. Call to Order
Approval of 4/21/21 Council Minutes
Motion to approve April 21, 2021, Council meeting minutes was made by Lydia Tedone and Seconded by Meg Scata.

Distribution of 5/20/20 Annual Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve May 20, 2020, Council meeting minutes was made by Merrill Gay and Seconded by Meg Scata.
Abstained: Deb Rodriguez

Annual Meeting Presentation

Nominating Committee Report (Attachment A)

1. Election of Officers

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| Chairperson | Lydia Tedone, Simsbury |
| Vice-Chair | Tyron V. Harris, East Hartford |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Kim Oliver, Hartford |

Motion to approve the CREC Officers was made by Merrill Gay, Seconded by Chris Wilson and passed unanimously.

Chairperson's Welcome Remarks – Chris Wilson

Chris Wilson made brief remarks as far as how the annual meeting will go then followed by the Business meeting. Chris related to the Council member that he has been on since 2004 and wanted to thank Dr. Greg Florio and Sandy Cruz Serrano for all their help with his learning of the process here at CREC. He expressed how his time here at CREC enriched his knowledge and understanding of all our intricacies of our organization. Now he is handing the gavel over to Lydia Tedone as Board Chair, Tyron V. Harris as Vice Chair and Kim Oliver as Secretary/Treasurer.

Executive Director's Welcome – Dr. Greg Florio – thanked Chris Wilson for all he has done as Council Chair for our organization as a whole. An stated that he hopes stay involve in some way with CREC.

Recognitions & Special Presentations

John J. Allison Jr. Legacy Award 2021

*Jeremy Grieverson 2021 John J. Allison Jr. Legacy Award Recipient
CREC Council, Glastonbury, 2009-2019*

- ⊗ *Elected to the Glastonbury Board of Education in 2003 and served 4 terms until retiring as Vice-Chair at the end of 2019.*
- ⊗ *Chair of CREC's Executive Search Committee in 2015*
- ⊗ *Conducted nationwide search for retiring Executive Director Bruce Douglas's replacement – Greg Florio*

CREC Hall of Leadership – Tom Parvenski started his career at CREC in 1977. He Will be retiring at the end of this school year. He will be added the CREC Hall of Leadership as we honor him for all his service.

5/18/2021



Scholarship Presentations – Darlene Wolliston

Bruce E. Douglas Scholarship for Overcoming Adversity recipients are:

| Name | High School | College | Major |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Even Accatino | Newington H.S. | Dartmouth College | Neuroscience |
| Ashaad Adams | CREC MLC | Central CT State Univ. | Graphic Design |
| Mya Jara | CREC ASI | Simmons University | Social Work |
| Connie Lopardo | CREC GHAA | Marymount Manhattan College | Theater and New Media |
| Kamryn Monroe | Windsor H. S. | Howard University | Marketing |

Scholarship Presentations – Kristina Jordan, Director of School Choice Programs

Mary Carroll-Kennedy Scholarship recipients are:

| Name | High School | College |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Micah Alphonso | Belin H.S. | University of CT |
| Tianna Durham | Plainville H.S. | University of St. Joseph |
| Kadian Taylor | S. Windsor H. S. | Lynn University |

Marjorie Little Book Award recipient

| Name | High School | College |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Janiel Benson | Plainville H. S. | University of Hartford |

CREC Presentation – Link attached for the PowerPoint presentation

A Year in Review - Greg Florio – thanked all for their hard work and efforts during these trying times. There are several video presentations (see attached link <http://www.crec.org/c/am2021>) to videos which included information on how we adopted and adjusted to provide our 2020 CREC Back to School Drive Thru, information on how children’s needs were met (food , basic supplies, socks), Virtual Employee Orientations, worked with state on safely reopening work and schools, SDE continues to expand work with RESCs, Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, started the CREC Head Start Program with all the hard work provided by Sandy Cruz Serrano, P26 Children Funding, LEAP, Accelerate CT, CREC TRP now CT TRP.

Dr. Florio shared some achievements that CREC has received in 2020: Awards

- ◎ 2020 Top Workplace
- ◎ National Association of Social Workers Latinx Network Recognition Award
- ◎ Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies Quality and Innovation and Sales Performance Awards – Cara Hart, Cooperative Purchasing Manager, and Beth Wood, Graphic Designer
- ◎ Central Connecticut Soccer Officials Association Sportsmanship Award - CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Boys Soccer
- ◎ Arts Schools Network Teacher of the Year - Gail Fresia

Dr. Florio spoke about the amazing coordination to make CREC Vaccinations Clinics a true success. Special thank you to Angi Russo, Dave Cusick, Nursing Medical staff and all the volunteers who helped make this huge undertaking possible.

Lastly, Dr. Florio thanked his predecessor Bruce Douglas, and all his Leadership staff for all their hard work and exemplary contributions during this very difficult year. He also informed the Council members that Regina Terrell will be retiring as of June 30th and thanked her for her 20 years of service and wished her well on her next chapter.

Dr. Florio closed his comments with “A Year Like No Other

Motion to adjourn n at 12:34 pm made by Lydia Tedone and seconded by Merrill Gay and passed unanimously.

12:30 p.m. Continuation of Business Meeting