

**CREC COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
5/18/16****COUNCIL**

Donald Harris, Chair, Bloomfield
Kristen Picard-Wambolt, Vice Chair, Ellington
Jeremy Grieveson, Interim Sec/Treasurer, Glastonbury
Robin Evans, Berlin
Christopher Wilson, Bristol
Melissa Migliaccio, Granby
Michael Brescia, Hartford
Sharon Braverman, Newington
Becky Tyrell, Plainville
Timothy Lavoy, Portland
John Vecchitto, Region #10
Dilip Desai, Rocky Hill
Lydia Tedone, Simsbury
Terry Lombardi, Southington
Linda Gessay, Vernon
Cheryl Greenberg, West Hartford
Nuchette Black-Burke, Windsor

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Greg Florio
Sandy Cruz-Serrano
Dina Crowl
Regina Terrell
Julia Winer
Sarah Vocca
Jeff Ivory
Deborah Richards
Mason Thrall
Tiana Whitehead
Gregg Blackstone
Ellen Retelle
Peggy Sampson
Flor DeHoyos

GUEST

Patrice McCarthy – (CABE)

The following towns were not represented at the meeting: Avon, Bolton, Canton, Cromwell, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Enfield, Farmington, Hartland, Manchester, New Britain, New Hartford, Somers, South Windsor, Suffield, Wethersfield, and Windsor Locks.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Council Chair Donald Harris called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Cheryl Greenberg, seconded by John Vecchitto, and passed to approve the minutes of the 4/20/16 Council meeting. The following member abstained:
Linda Gessay.

II. CONSENT AGENDA**A. 2016 – 2017 Continuing Programs**

1. Public Safety Academy Construction
2. IMS Construction
3. Reggio Construction
4. MPTPA Construction
5. Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Construction
6. Museum Academy Construction
7. Discovery Academy Construction
8. Ana Grace Academy of the Arts
9. GHAA Middle School
10. Two Rivers Magnet High School
11. Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Elementary
12. Construction Services
13. Transportation Services
14. Soundbridge
15. Soundbridge Summer School
16. Lincoln Academy
17. Polaris Center
18. Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)
19. Early Intervention Birth to Three
20. STRIVE
21. Youth Services Programs
22. 21st Century After School Program
23. CT Support of Pregnant & Parenting Teens Program
24. Open Choice Kindergarten Grant
25. Career and Technical Education Initiatives
26. Transition to Employment Services
27. Adult Training & Development
28. Adult Education Network
29. Community Ed Provision of Services
30. Center for Creative Youth

MOTION: A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by Christopher Wilson to approve entire consent agenda and passed unanimously.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Executive Director Greg J. Florio, Ed.D. welcomed the Council and thanked them for their participation.

IV. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Council Chair Donald Harris told the Council about his attendance the prior week at a conference regarding racism given by SERC. Additionally, Council Chair Harris advised Council that they are holding an equity workshop on June 11th. Lastly, Council Chair Harris told the Council members that he would be attending the NSBA Advocacy

workshop/conference from June 12 – June 14th which will be held in Washington, D.C. while encouraging members to attend also.

V. DELIBERATED ACTION

A. New Business

1. Proposed 2016-2017 Council meeting dates

MOTION: A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by Cheryl Greenberg, and passed unanimously to approve the Proposed 2016-2017 Council meeting dates.

2. Appointment of Principal for the Discovery Academy

MOTION: A motion was made by Kristen Picard-Wambolt, seconded by Christopher Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the Appointment of the Principal for the Discovery Academy.

B. Old Business – none at this time

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Patrice McCarthy of CABE provided a legislative update to the Council.

VII. REPORTS

A. Financial Report – presented and accepted

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members discussed current events relating to their districts and other projects. Nuchette Black-Burke (Windsor) gave an update regarding the Windsor High School students participating as finalists in a contest to make meatballs for Astronauts at Johnson Space Center but did not prevail against a culinary school from New Jersey, acknowledging their hard work and efforts. John Vecchitto (Region #10) talked about the Master Gardeners Project as being a resource in which his district uses as a resource through their STEM programming in their elementary schools, while encouraging all to look into this program which is run through the UConn – West Hartford campus (contact: Sarah Bailey). Sharon Braverman (Newington) asked when the lottery would be taking place to which Dina Crowl (CREC) answered it would be held the following day. Christopher Wilson (Bristol) inquired as to whether stipulated agreements may change going forward with the ongoing changes in the State Budget and was advised it is unsure at this point but could be a possibility. Timothy Lavoy (Portland) asked Council Members for feedback regarding Source for Teachers or other methods they use for getting and retaining Substitute Teachers while multiple Council Member expressed what their specific districts do and what has been working well.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. MOTION – A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by Kristen Picard-Wambolt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tiana Whitehead

CREC
ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 18, 2016

PRESENT

Robin Evans	Berlin
Donald Harris	Bloomfield/ Chair
Alison Romkey	Bolton
Kristin Heckt	Bolton, Supt.
Christopher Wilson	Bristol
Kristen Picard-Wambolt	Ellington/Vice Chair
Jeremy Grieveson	Glastonbury/Interim Sec. Treasurer
Michael Brescia	Hartford
Becky Tyrrell	Plainville
Dr. Maureen Brummett	Plainville, Supt.
John Vecchitto	Region 10
Dilip Desai	Rocky Hill
Lydia Tedone	Simsbury
Terri Lombardi	Southington
Linda Gessay	Vernon
Cheryl Greenberg	West Hartford
Bobbie Granato	Wethersfield
Nuchette Black-Burke	Windsor

CREC STAFF

Greg Florio	Peggy Sampson	David Daye
Sandy Cruz-Serrano	Timothy Sullivan	Gregg Blackstone
Dina Crowl	Darlene Wolliston	Lenell Kittlitz
Aura Alvarado	Kellie McLaughlin	Laurie Gonzalez
Regina Terrell	Alexis Manson	Josie Di Pietro Smith
Deb Richards	Flor De Hoyos	Maura McGuire
Julia Winer	Josiah Hills	Timothy Carroll
Sarah Vocca	Douglas Henley	Robert McCain
Mason Thrall	Ellen Retelle	Joyce West
Jeff Ivory	Marlene Lovanio	Jeff Ostroff
Tiana Whitehead	Debra Borrero	
Kim Stroud	Robyn Sulliva	

CREC STUDENTS – Recipients of the 2016 Bruce E. Douglas Scholarship for Overcoming Adversity

Willie Taylor and family
Adrianna Colon and family
Brianna Tribble-Bryant and family
Lariab Afzaal and family

GUESTS

Bruce Douglas	Former CREC Executive Director
Marcia Yulo-Howard	Former CREC Executive Director
John Allison	Founder and Former CREC Executive Director
Elizabeth Horton Sheff	Civil Rights Advocate, Lead Plaintiff in Sheff vs. O’Neil
Martha Stone	Founder/Executive Director of the Center for Children’s Advocacy
Ted Carroll	President, Leadership Greater Hartford
Patrice McCarthy	Attorney, CABA

Business Agenda

The CREC Annual Meeting was called to order by Council Chair Donald Harris at 5:06 p.m.

- A. Roll Call of Boards of Education
Avon, Bloomfield, Bristol, Ellington, Enfield, Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, Plainville, Region #10, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Southington, Vernon, West Hartford, and Windsor were present.
- B. Distribution of Minutes from the 5/20/15 Meeting (included in the meeting packet)
Council Chair Donald Harris mentions 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes.
- C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
1. Election of Board of Directors
MOTION: a motion was made by Terry Lombardi, seconded by Nuchette Black-Burke, and passed unanimously to adopt the following items:
- A. Suspending Article V of the CREC Constitution
- B. All CREC Board of Directors Members and CREC Officers to remain for additional year with the addition of the below to the CREC Board Members.
- C. For 2016-2017 the Board of Directors shall include 13 Members including representatives from:
- Region #10
 - Simsbury
 - Southington

D. As CREC Officers: 2016 -2017

Chairperson	Donald Harris, Bloomfield
Vice-Chairperson	Kristen Picard-Wambolt, Ellington
Secretary/Treasurer	David Joy, South Windsor

D. Leadership Budget: 2015-2016

MOTION: a motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by Kristen Picard-Wambolt, and passed unanimously to approve the 2016-2017 Leadership Budget of \$7,355,655.

Program Agenda

A. Welcome

Greg Florio, Executive Director, welcomed the Council, special guests, and the CREC staff.

B. Chairperson's Comments

Chairperson Donald Harris welcomed the Council, special guests, and the CREC staff. Chairperson Harris also thanked the Council for allowing him the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Chair over the past year.

C. Executive Director's Remarks

Dr. Florio provided remarks "A Year in Review: Moving Forward."

D. Celebrating 50 years

Members of CREC's Senior Management and Staff presented to Council on Services offered to CREC Districts, the Hartford Region Open Choice Program, and CREC Soundbridge.

E. Special Performance by CREC's Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School

Students performed "A Place for Us" and "Tonight" from "West Side Story."

F. Innovation for Another 50 Years

Sarah Vocca, Director of DART and Josiah Hills showed the Council and guests Studio 111 and its capabilities. Julia Winer, Director of Public Policy and Strategic Planning spoke about Regional Efficiencies.

G. 50 Years: Our Mission; Our Community

Dr. Florio and Dr. Douglas presented the CREC Community Partner Awards. The awards were presented to Elizabeth Horton-Sheff, Civil Rights Advocate and lead Plaintiff in Sheff vs. O'Neil and Martha Stone, Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Children's Advocacy.

Dr. Florio gave an overview of the Bruce E. Douglas Scholarship inception and process. Dr. Florio and Dr. Douglas presented the scholarship awards to the four student recipients, Willie Taylor, Adriana Colon, Brianna Tribble-Bryant, and Lariab Afzaal.

- H. *Closing Remarks*
Dr. Florio thanked the Council, special guests, and the CREC staff for coming to the Annual Meeting. Council Chairperson, Donald Harris gave the closing remarks of the Annual Meeting.
- I. *Adjournment*
The Annual meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiana Whitehead