

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
DATE: September 19, 2018

CREC
Council Meeting Minutes
9/19/18
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
CREC Central
Rooms 101 & 102
111 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Donald Harris -Bloomfield	Greg Florio –Executive. Director - CREC
Chris Wilson –Bristol	Sandy Cruz-Serrano – Deputy Director
Joseph Scheideler - Canton	Regina Terrell –Human Resources Director - CREC
Gary Blanchette - Ellington	Deborah Richards – Director, Student Services - CREC
Jeremy Grieveson - Glastonbury	Amy Karwan – Director, Resource Group - CREC
John Vecchitto – Region #10	Jeff Ivory – Comptroller - CREC
Lydia Tedone - Simsbury	Aura Alvarado – Director, Communications – CREC
Anne Kirkpatrick - Somers	Tim Sullivan – Superintendent of Magnet Schools CREC
David Joy – South Windsor	Mason Thrall – Director of Operations, CREC
Maureen Sattan - Suffield	Julia Winer – Director of Public Policy and Strategic Planning - CREC
Linda Gessay - Vernon	
Carol Anderson-Blanks – West Hartford	Gideon Botnick – Student Senate Rep. – Civic High School
Ginger McCurdy – Wethersfield	Patrice McCarthy - Deputy. Director and General Counsel, CABA
Nuchette Black-Burke - Windsor	

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

A. 6/20/18 Council Meeting

MOTION: Motion to approve the June 20, 2018 minutes made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by John Vecchitto, and passed unanimously

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

A. Heather Gates, CHR President, CEO, and Kathy Schiessl, Sr. Vice President of Child and Family. (Attached - Press Release handout) – Deb Richards introduced Ms. Gates and Ms. ShieSSL and provided information about collaboration with this organization and services provided. CREC looking into other programs with this organization that might be of benefit to CREC and their students and families. (Attached is informational packet regarding this organization and their services and benefits).

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. 2017-2018 Revisions
1. Polaris Center (Attachment A)
 2. Regional Fingerprinting Service (Attachment B)

MOTION: A motion was made Lydia Tedone seconded by Linda Gessay, and passed unanimously to approve 2017-2018 Revisions one and two under the consent agenda.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dr. Greg Florio spoke about the Black to School Party that took place on August 15. Another successful event as 1200 backpacks were provided to students. This year the backpacks were a little heavier due to more supplies provided. Dr. Florio also spoke about FallStaff that took place on 8/24th. This year we focused on CREC Core Values and developing relationships. There will be a meeting on 9/24 at 7:30 am at CREC Central with the Sheff Magnet School Sustainability Working Group to review the drafted resolution. The resolution once reviewed will be discussed in October's CREC Council meeting. Groundbreaking for the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering will take place tomorrow, Thursday, September 20th. Dr. Florio also introduced new council members and new Student Senate representative.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT – David Joy welcomed all new CREC Council members and Student Senate representative to their first council meeting. He apologized for not being able to attend FallStaff and thanked Chris Wilson for attending on his behalf. Mr. Joy spoke to the CREC Council members about the importance of their support and attendance in the CREC Council meeting and is looking for more participation from the districts currently not attending. He will be reaching out to those districts to reiterate the importance of active participation. He also gave the floor to Nuchette Black-Burke the Council current Secretary/Treasurer who stated she would be resigning her post and as she has accepted a position with Windsor Town Council.

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION

- A. New Business

B. Old Business

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Patrice McCarthy gave an update on the upcoming elections and the task force. She stated they are working on the Fingerprinting issues due to increase of cost. Cost containment issues, RFP and policies of Student Safety and Security.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Attachment C) – Sandy Cruz-Serrano reviewed the financial report with the council member

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS – The new council members present were introduced Ginger McCurdy of Wethersfield, Maureen Sattan of Suffield, Anne Kirkpatrick of Somers and Gary Blanchette of Ellington.

Lydia Tedone – encourages all new members to join any of the committees on the board. (Personnel, Audit or Legislative). She also spoke on the upcoming 10/1 Golf Tournament and encourages attendance and/or participation.

Don Harris – reminded members on the upcoming CABA/CAPSS conference which will take place on 11/16-11/17 at the Marriott in Mystic. He reiterated the importance and also stated that the Delegate Assembly will take place on 8/15 at the Marriott in Mystic.

John Vecchitto – spoke about the new security measures in his districts, which include armed security officers and the fact that he was opposed at the start but sees the importance and the vigorous requirements the said security officers have to have to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Linda Gessay – stated that her district has been recognized as a premier town for their state of the art security measures.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION: A Motion made by Jeremy Grieveson and seconded by Carol Anderson-Blanks passed unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 1:15 pm.

****Next Meeting Date – October 17, 2018***