

**CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION**

Reading Leadership
Implementation Council Meeting

April 26, 2022
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

- Present:** Dr. Michael Coyne, Dean of the Neag School of Education UCONN
Dr. Margie, Gillis, Founder and President, Literacy How, Inc.
Mr. Steven Hernandez Esq., Executive Director, Commission on
Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity (CWCSEO)
Dr. Melissa Jenkins, Chief Academic Officer, Bridgeport Public
Schools
Dr. Stephanie Lockhart, Assistant Principal, Windsor High School
Ms. Frances Rabinowitz, Executive Director, Connecticut
Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)
Ms. Cristina Kingsbury, Waterbury, CT
Ms. Kim Healy, Wilton, CT
- Absent:** Ms. Christina Tietz, Watertown, CT
Ms. Lisa Thomas, Retired Teacher (Hebron and Windsor)
Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent, Newington Public
Schools
- Facilitator:** Dr. Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Reading/Literacy Director, Connecticut State
Department of Education
- Staff Present:** Dr. Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Reading/Literacy Director, Connecticut State
Department of Education
Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, Connecticut State Department of Education

I. Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Council's facilitator Dr. Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Reading/Literacy Director, State of Connecticut Department of Education, convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. She welcomed the Council and reviewed the Council norms.

II. Roll Call

The Council's Clerk called attendance.

III. Acceptance of Minutes

The Council consented to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2022, meeting.

IV. The CSDE Updates

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, State of Connecticut Department of Education, provided the Council with an update on the hiring status for the Director of Literacy Research & Reading Success position- the CSDE is in its final phase – and the Open Review Process for Grades Pre-k-3 Reading Curricula Models and/or Programs Guidelines is in its final stage of the approval process. Next steps will be discussed with the Council and members that wanted to be more involved in the process in a later time.

V. Council Discussion of the CSDE Literature Review

Dr. Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Reading/Literacy Director, State of Connecticut Department of Education, provided an overview of Hanover’s literature review. A discussion on the literature review took place where Council members provided feedback and had the opportunity to ask questions.

VI. Presentation of Statewide Literacy Survey

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, State of Connecticut Department of Education, provided a breakdown of the design of the literacy survey for the Council. Council members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the design of the survey.

VII. Future Meeting/Calendar

The next meeting will be May 10, 2022, from 1:00 -2:30 p.m., via Teams Meeting Link

VIII. Closing/Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.