

Connecticut State Department of Education

Reading Leadership Implementation Council Meeting

August 16, 2022
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Present:

Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent, Newington Public Schools
Dr. Margie, Gillis, Founder and President, Literacy How, Inc.
Ms. Kim Healy, Wilton, CT
Mr. Steven Hernandez Esq., Executive Director, Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity (CWCSEO)
Dr. Stephanie Lockhart, Assistant Principal, Windsor Public Schools
Ms. Frances Rabinowitz, Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)
Ms. Lisa Thomas, Retired Educator
Ms. Christina Tietz, English Teacher, Waterbury Public Schools
Dr. Michael Coyne, Department Head Educational Psychology and Co-Director for the Center for Behavioral Education and Research (CBER), NEAG School of Education, UCONN

Absent:

Dr. Melissa Jenkins, Chief Academic Officer, Bridgeport Public Schools
Ms. Cristina Kingsbury, Instructional Coach, Naugatuck Public Schools

Facilitator:

Dr. Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Interim Director of the Center for Literacy Research & Reading Success, Connecticut State Department of Education

Staff Present:

Leslie Navarrete, Education Staff Assistant, Connecticut State Department of Education

Special Guest: Senator Patricia Billie Miller

I. Welcome & Review of Council Norms

The Council's facilitator Dr. Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Interim Director of Literacy Research & Reading Success, State of Connecticut Department of Education, convened the meeting at 1:03 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 July 26, 2022, meeting.

IV. Review and Updates

Dr. Hickey provided an update on COConnecticut REview Process and its timeline – currently in the auditing and analyze data collected phase of the 53 submissions. She is hoping soon to submit curricula and programs to the Council for consultation. Council members had the opportunity to ask questions about and provide feedback on the COConnecticut REview Process.

V. Presentations from Council Members

Dr. Hickey provided an overview of the history of science of reading including early literacy legislation. Council members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide their input.

Dr. Michael Coyne, Department Head Educational Psychology and Co-Director for the Center for Behavioral Education and Research (CBER), NEAG School of Education, UCONN, gave a presentation on CT literacy model initiative which came out of PA 12-116 in 2012 to ensure literacy success in CT. He went over the principles and the system level practices of the CT literacy model as well as its timeline and funding history. Council members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Steven Hernandez Esq., Executive Director, Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity (CWCSEO) provided an overview on the Multigenerational Initiative and early literacy legislation passed across the nation, for example Tennessee and Massachusetts.

B-12 Reading Success Strategy Goal Discussion

The Council reviewed and updated the B-12 Reading Success Strategy Goal. Please see PowerPoint for the final version of the goal.

VI. Closing/Meeting Adjourned

*Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 1:00-2:30 p.m.