

Connecticut State Department of Education

Reading Leadership Implementation Council Meeting

September 20, 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)
Ms. Frances Rabinowitz, Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Public
School Superintendents (CAPSS)
Ms. Lisa Thomas, Retired Educator
Dr. Michael Coyne, Department Head Educational Psychology and Co-Director
for the Center for Behavioral Education and Research (CBER), NEAG School of
Education, UCONN
Dr. Melissa Jenkins, Chief Academic Officer, Bridgeport Public Schools

Absent:

Ms. Cristina Kingsbury, Instructional Coach, Naugatuck Public Schools
Dr. Stephanie Lockhart, Assistant Principal, Windsor Public Schools
Ms. Christina Tietz, English Teacher, Waterbury 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

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 1:04 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 August 16, 2022, meeting.

IV. Overview of Mandates from Public Act No. 21-2

Per the request of the Council at the last meeting, Dr. Włodarczyk Hickey provided an overview of Public Act No. 21-2 including its various components, what has been accomplished to date and what still needs to be accomplished. Council members had the opportunity to ask questions. Dr. Włodarczyk Hickey also went over the intensive reading program, strategy, and plan for purposes of clarity. Council members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Please see the PowerPoint for the presentation on Public Act No. 21 and intensive reading program, strategy, and plan.

V. Closing/Meeting Adjourned

*Next Meeting Date: Friday, September 30, 2022, 9:00-10:00 a.m.