



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Membership Committee

Monday, April 26, 2021

******* 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. *******
Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Catherine Summ (Chair), Jen Lussier, Brian Smith, Mike Nunes, Allison Kopie, Missy Wrigley, Jolie Medina (non-voting) and Catherine Summ

Members Absent: Jon Metcalf and Sean Cronin

I. Call to Order:

Catherine called meeting to order at 12:04 pm

II. Public Comment:

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.
Call-In Number: 866-880-0098
Participant Code: 89689633

III. Membership Matters:

a. Review any parent/student applications received.

Membership Committee talks about the three parent surveys reviewed. Jen mentions representation on the Council from North Haven already. Lou, Mike and Brian Smith.

All in favor and unanimous decision for recommendation of Dimpy to Executive Committee for appointment.

Committee in agreement with having Dimpy's move forward with appointment and having met diversity requirement of Native American representation on the SAC.

Jen suggests that Catherine reach out to Elizabeth and discuss Dimpy's potential appointment because of already having a parent represent North Haven.

b. Membership vacancies.

Bryan talks about student membership structure and talks about student Councils for ways to receive student input and experiences. Would like to have student perspective at SAC meetings but mentions the time commitment and ideas on how to facilitate moving forward. Catherine responds to Bryan and agrees with his suggestions. They have a further discussion and Missy talks about the Youth Advisory Board and the Task Force for assistance with student participation.

Catherine talks about the benefit of having student participation at the last meeting (her former student Mia Giantonio).

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Catherine to report back to the Executive Committee on 4/28/21 and propose parent candidate. In addition, she will reach out to parent candidate (Elizabeth L.) from North Haven to encourage attendance and discuss Dimpy's consideration for appointment.

V. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Catherine makes motion to adjourn and Jen seconds.