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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Membership Committee

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

******* 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. *******
Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Catherine Summ (Chair), Jen Lussier, Brian K. Smith, Missy Wrigley, Debra Grainsky, Bryan Klimkiewicz (no-voting), Jolie Medina (non-voting)

Members Absent: Sean Cronon (non-voting), Brian K. Smith, Louis Tallarita and Allison Kopie

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 2:08

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 current membership data/statistics, including areas of diversity, student population, geography, etc. that are not currently represented on the SAC council.

The group talks about the membership survey and access. Bryan talks about the survey, access, and confidentiality. Bryan provides suggestions on how to keep data safe and advised the group on how to obtain and further gather that data in an suitable way. Missy says she can reach out to EdAdvance for SAC representation. Deb says that she can reach out to Winsted for candidates and had previously served as principal in that district.

b. Review current openings.

Catherine would like to see more diversity on Council. Bryan reviews the membership snapshot with the Committee and the document is updated.

c. Review current membership surveys on file that were submitted by potential candidates. Membership Committee recommendations to the Executive Committee for the Council.

Jolie sends Elizabeth Lengvinis's application to the group via email and it is reviewed during meeting. Jen wants to see more ethical diversity and wants to see more additional disabilities covered. Also asks Catherine to make a list of what she finds the application doesn't ask that is helpful for the SAC to know since she is the Chair of Membership and calls new candidates. In addition, reminds the group that our goal for today was to further discuss membership and vacancies to be prepared to present to the full SAC the pertinent information at the July training.

Membership Committee and Missy have noted that there is not enough members present today to make any decisions or votes. Bryan talks about diversity, representativeness of CT, demographics and says that Jon Copenhaver would be a great source to have cover this information. He adds for the Committee to keep CPAC in mind as a Parent Advocacy and thinks that they are well prepared to recommend parents to apply for a seat on the Council, (Bryan mentioned a second group), as well as the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus.

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Jolie and Bryan will clean up membership snapshot document. Bryan will reach out to Jon Metcalf about survey.

V. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:00