



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

******* 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p. m. *******

Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Tammy Raccio (Chair), Tom Cosker (Past Chair), Jennifer Lussier (Vice Chair), Nachi Bhatt, Susan Lemke, Sean Cronin (SDE non-voting), Jolie Medina (SDE non-voting) and Bryan Klimkiewicz
Members Absent: N/A

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:17 pm.

II. Public Comment: N/A

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.

Call-In Number: 866-880-0098

Participant Code: 89689633

III. Council Matters:

Tammy finalize agenda meeting for the November 18, 2020 full Council meeting. Bryan talks about the annual report and the Executive members. Tom comments on the schedule and breaks for the meeting and agree that.

Bryan talks about SSIP (State Systemic Improvement Plan) APR (report) and wants to dig deeper into executive committee thoughts/ ideas regarding state rep and indicators. He also talks about Due Process and having a consultant provide summary to the SAC in regards to COVID complaints.

Tom responds and says it is important for the SAC to be involved in, Tammy and Nachi comment that these reviews have always been a part of the SAC and should remain an area that the SAC reviews periodically. The BSE has not formal presentations for the Council unless requested. The LEA advisory meeting in November is where proactively looking at indicators/feedback and results statewide from directors and administrators.

Jolie talks about executive meeting schedules. Team decides to continue schedule of every other week until the spring.

Bryan talks the annual report and the group discuss the content of report and changes that will need to be made by the committee and reviewed/ finalized by Jolie and Bryan.

Conversation continues about whether or not to provide the update on the ruling of FBAs and IEEs. The content of this discussion included an acknowledgement of the varied perspectives on the ruling in an objective way, as well as the presentation of future draft legislation (to present objectively and highlight any concerns on both sides of the legislation).

Sue Lemke adds to this topic, Nachi and Bryan agree. She also talks legislation and the Council sharing objectively their opinions in the report. Tammy- if going to talk Due Process some of issues may be relevant to each other along with the two court rulings and should be in the report. Tom suggests that the conversation needs to happen in November at the last meeting before report due early 2021. Nachi agrees and Sue talks more about Council response. Bryan advises the executive member on how they will be responding in comparison to previous years.

IV. **Summary/Action Items:**

Jolie to schedule executive meetings until May of 2020 and follow up on General Assembly membership letters.

Per Tammy's request, Bryan will send court ruling to the executive committee meeting today.

V. **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.