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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, May 06, 2020

******* 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p. m. *******

Conference Call

Call-In Number: 866-880-0098

Participant Code: 89689633

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Tom Cosker, Jen Lussier, Meg Walsh, Sean Cronin, Jolie Medina and Bryan Klimkiewicz.

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm by Tom Cosker.

II. Public Comment: N/A

III. Council Matters:

Jen provides feedback on COVID-19 priority workgroups and the concerns that some members have with technology, distance learning and accountability. A discussion of the pros and cons of distance learning occurred. Jen said that some students are doing very well with distance learning and may want to continue past the end of this academic year.

Tom and Bryan talk about District accountability, parent concerns and proposed guidance being worked on currently by the SDE for immediate distribution. Also, discuss progress reporting and difficulty with reporting after 3/16/20. Tom emphasizes the need for a process from the SDE sooner rather than later with parents concerned about being held accountable by District. Bryan wants the BSE to be involved with concerns on liability to ensure that the focus remains on education and the new norm.

Finalize details for May 13 Council meeting including virtual meeting details, agenda and agreement from committee to change end time to 4 pm from 5 pm.

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Plan for full SAC summer training and next year's proposed meeting dates. Jolie to work on finalizing full council and executive committee meeting minutes for distribution and approval and set up breakout sessions. Executive Committee to work on proposed recommendations document for SAC to present to Commissioner Cardona and to send updated google documents to SDE as Word files.

V. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Cosker at 1:28 pm.