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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Tom Cosker (Past Chair), Tammy Raccio (Chair), Jen Lussier (Vice Chair), Nachi Bhatt, Susan Lemke, Bryan Klimkiewicz (Non-voting), Sean Cronin (Non-voting) and Jolie Medina

Members Absent: N/A

I. Call to Order:

Tammy calls meeting to order at 12:18 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:

Bryan begins the meeting by recapturing the guidance that has been released and also sent to the SAC members, along with what plans the SDE has at this time on future guidance areas. He discussed the Governor's executive orders and the new order that came out extending previous executive orders; in addition Bryan mentions masks and guidance from OEC for Pre-K student requirements.

Tom was pleased with the AR guidance and excited to have families notified. Thinks the guidance was informative and necessary so that districts know how to remain in compliance. Bryan comments saying that he thinks the SAC should take a position on tasks in a formal way, and suggests getting formal advice from the SAC regarding students who cannot wear masks for disability reasons. He thinks it is important for SAC to weigh in on that. Tom agrees and comments that the SAC can consider advising and highlighting matters to consider in those types of situations. Bryan then mentions that Susan would be a good Director resource and later in the month the executive team can report on challenges and accommodations. DDS will be meeting with Bryan later this week about guidance clarification. Bryan and Tom talk logistics of AR guidance. Tammy talks about the next Task Force meeting in October and how it can benefit the SAC. Bryan responds

saying he recently spoke with Alycia Trakas who oversees transition and they are looking to put together informative resources at this time.

Tammy talks 9/30 full council meeting and schedule of priority work, mentions the reminder email to SAC members and Susan and Tom comment and provide suggestions on how to handle the questions and thinks that sending in advance would be an advantage. Nachi is in agreement with the discussions of this meeting.

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Reminder email to SAC to include priority work and committee sign ups, agenda and details to the meeting. Jolie to consult with SERC on meeting accessibility and provide the break out groups information for facilitation of priority group work.

V. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.