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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 2, 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 12:18

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:

CABE had a meeting last week and Tammy forwarded some special education initiatives via email for Committee to review as an example. Reviewing per Tom's request to review Council roles. Bryan thinks that report will be helpful for the annual report.

Bryan will not attend full meeting due to another meeting and as a result, he starts the meeting off by asking the group about the November 18 full Council meeting. He asks the group how they feel about the way the meeting went and specifically asks about group work.

Sean talks about group attendees not being a part of the original LRE group and how a switch in members causes more work with the team when trying to get feedback, especially when the original group members were not a part of this discussion.

Nachi would like to start working and getting the annual report because it is December and the due date is approaching. Bryan reviews the roles of the SAC versus the SDE and asks for a draft of the report to me completed by the week of Christmas and submitted to Jolie and Sean for finalization of the report.

Tom starts to talk about SAC and member roles. He talks about the collaboration of specific stakeholder groups that are not necessarily in line with what the SAC's role is. It is important to know whom you are representing and to be careful to not cross roles when sitting on the Council. Nachi, Susan and Tammy respond in agreement with their perception and clarification of the expectation of the roles. Sean talks about the round table overview during a SAC meeting and keeping the SAC on track with parameters during discussion to better navigate what is being shared. Bryan talks to the group about stakeholder use and agrees that the intention is not to stifle anyone's voice but to ensure that the role parameters are being followed. Sue talks her view and

The group agrees that some restructuring of round table should be made and Tom talks to Tammy about drafting a document for the review of the Council during the start of the meeting to clarify the topics of today's meeting discussion

Jen reminds the Council to be mindful in the approach of round table parameters and talks a suggestion on a parent round table group who work on themes to report to the full SAC. As a parent and her role with CPAC she has experience and in understanding the platform roles and how they can be easily crossed unknowingly by members.

Tammy and Tom again talk about the annual report submission deadlines before ending the meeting.

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Sean and Jen to connect on LRE group work.

Tammy to produce a statement regarding the SAC roles and parameters to review with Council.

A discussion with the Legislative Committee on the annual report and on stakeholder representation.

V. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.