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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Membership Committee

Monday, November 9, 2020

******* 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. *******
Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Catherine Summ, Jen Lussier, Mike Nunes, Jon Metcalf, Brian Smith, AllisonKopie, Missy Wrigley (non-voting), Lou Tallarita, Jolie Medina (non-voting) and Bryan Klimkiewicz (non-voting).

Members Absent: Sean Cronin (non-voting) and Tammy Raccio (non-voting)

I. Call to Order:

Catherine Summ called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm

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. Council Membership and Appointments/Nominating Matters:

Committee starts by reviewing membership and vacancies. After Jake Shumbo's appointment and Steve Hernandez's representative, we would have a full Council. Bryan discusses a conversation he had last week with the Governor's aid (Alex Davis), about appointments and reviews the information with the Membership Committee. Bryan brings up matters of the team to consider how to handle the reappointments and the two options of reappointing or finding new representation. Catherine responds to Bryan with her concerns regarding reappointments. Recruiting sufficient # of replacements who also represent the demographics of the Council.

Bryan Smith talks about the manner in how the positions are being filled and proposes one-year appointments for the people who are being asked to stay on. Asks if parent roles are being rotated? He reminds the group that he has been reappointed and Bryan K. clarifies the questions and answers for the group and also makes a suggestion on how the group can approach the members and how to work in a way where the SAC is not under assumption that people want to continue on with their current role. Catherine would like to teams ideas on reappointment. Mike Nunes talks about the

newer members versus the members who have been on awhile and understand the SACs purpose. He gives his opinion on the knowledge that the three members in question bring to the SAC, which are Jen, Jon and Brian Smith also gives his opinion and agrees with seeing if the three would remain in their roles. Catherine Summ proposes to have the members reappointed and the following responses are recorded:

Lou Tallarita – Yes (First)

Brian Smith –Yes

Jen Lussier – Abstain

Jon Metcalf – Abstain

Mike Nunes –Yes

Catherine Summ –Yes

Brian K. working with Anthony Davis to try to get the pending appointment letters submitted to the Governor's office by Friday, November 13.

Catherine talks student representation and asks if it is okay to discuss at the full sac meeting. Missy talks about how to approach and to keep in mind student availability with day meetings. Bryan Smith talks about how DCF proposes student involvement and an example is providing educational credits for serving on the role. Jon Metcalf voices concern on not having the student voice and suggest that the student record a brief video for the SAC if not available to attend.

The group talks about Steve Hernandez and the representation from the Parent Training Institute.

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Catherine Summ will reach out to the three members in question of reappointment and confirm whether they are willing to continue on another year with the SAC.

Jolie and Bryan K. to follow up on Mike Nunes and Nachi Bhatt Commissioner reappointment.

V. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.