



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Membership Committee

Thursday, November 9, 2023

******* 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. *******

Teams Meeting

YouTube Live Stream: Public Participant Viewing
<https://youtube.com/live/MembershipMeeting110923>

Minutes

Members Attended: Catherine Summ (Chair), Susan Yankee (SAC Chair), Jennifer Lussier (Vice Chair), Brian Smith, Bryan Klimkiewicz (non-voting) and Jolie Medina (non-voting)

Members Absent: Missy Wrigley and Denise Drummond

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Catherine Summ at 1:02 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. Membership Matters:

a. Membership Survey(s) Candidate Review.

Note: Some of the committee members reviewed the membership application. They discuss the candidate qualifications and survey responses. Also, mention of how valuable the paraeducators role at the last full SAC meeting was when she attended as guest. Paraeducator is looking forward to serve on the Council and has arranged to have availability to attend and participate in future Council meetings.

Jennifer L. makes motion and Brian K. seconds. All in favor of appointment.

Members discuss student member application. Brian S. asks age and what school the student attends. He says that we do not have representation in this area of the State and ethnicity but is concerned about having someone join who would not stay on the Council more than one

year due to graduation. Susan Y. mentions accessibility. Catherine S. states that she has met the student prior the application and that she is confident that they will be able to communicate their needs and voice to the SAC . The members are impressed with student information provided to them.

Jennifer L makes motion and Ana W. seconds. All in favor of appointment.

Jennifer L. has suggestions for prior to next meeting. Recommend student to the YAB and invite to the Executive meeting scheduled for November 15.

Update to state only 4 Legislative roles vacant on the Council. Group talks about the

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Catherine S. to invite student member to 11/15 executive committee meeting.

Jolie M. to connect with student regarding any requests for accommodations.

V. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.