



## Special Education Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Place:** Nine East

**Address:** 9 West St., Montpelier VT 05602

**Date:** April 18, 2018

#### **Present:**

Joy Wilcox, Sherrie Brunelle, Mary Barton, Nancy Richards, Karen Hartman, Kascinda Fleming, Troy McAllister, Mill Moore, Lauren Rhim, Eileen Guyette

#### **Agenda:**

9:30 - 9:40 Roll Call, Assign Roles, Review/ Revise Agenda as needed – Mary  
9:40 - 9:45 Open Meeting Sign-In Sheet/Public Comments  
9:45 – 9:50 Approve Minutes for March 21, 2018 Meeting  
9:50-10:30 AOE Updates  
10:30-12:00 Discuss collaboration with AOE  
12:00 -12:10 Break  
12:10-12:40 By-law Updates  
12:40-1:05 Begin Discussion to Set Priorities  
1:05-1:20 May Agenda  
1:20 - 1:30 Other-Set Meeting Dates for 2018-2019

#### **Roll Call, Assign Roles, Review/Revise Agenda:**

Mary Barton facilitator, Kascinda Fleming minutes.

The Council agenda has been changed to include membership updates--under AOE updates--and review of March minutes.

March minutes distributed by Mary Barton and reviewed by members. Discussion-it was noted that a correction needs to be made to the March 2018 minutes. "Nancy's concerns about page 3 of the IEP, and if the checkbox was being removed" should be page 3 of the Evaluation Plan. Mill M. made a motion to revise the agenda and approve the March minutes with amendment. Discussion-none. Lauren abstained from vote as she was absent last meeting. Eileen seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### **AOE Updates:**

Karen Hartman provided an update on membership. Troy McAllister and Joy Wilcox have been reappointed and term expires 3/31/2021. New appointments are as follows: Danielle Howes, term expires 3/31/2020; Tracey Mongeon, term expires 2020; and Barbara Joyal, term expires 3/31/2021. Karen will update membership chart as possible, which identifies the role(s) members fulfill to meet Vermont statutes.

Discussion: Concern Governor is not appointing per roles needed to fulfill statutes, VT statute that caps Council membership at 19 presents a problem for filling roles, solution is to have members serve dual roles, concerns that dual roles could be a conflict of interest, compliance with OSEP, lobby to have cap lifted.

Troy made a motion to table this discussion, draft legislation and have someone sponsor that at the next legislative session. Eileen seconded. Discussion: Role of the Secretary in making appointments. Governor makes appointments regardless of the by-laws. Do not want to keep talking about membership appointments, rather talk about special education and its impact on students. Sherrie abstained from vote. All in favor.

Karen and Troy shared concepts management as presented by LEAN, which the state is adopting. The process is to identify problems and develop solutions. They have been to these trainings and recommended the Council look at using some of these strategies.

Discussion: Troy provided some further information and examples. Frustration that so much time is being spent talking about processes instead of special education substance. Clarification of the Council's roles. Question if Council has commented on Act 46.

Troy made a motion to warn that there will be an election of officers for next meeting. Joy seconded. No Discussion. All in favor.

Act 46 update.

Council identified unmet need in there is a shortage of special educators and retention of special educators.

Karen provided an overview of the rollout of a new results based accountability monitoring process. Including identifying alternative programs within supervisory unions. LRE and FAPE concerns.

### **Set May Agenda:**

Election of Officers

Setting priorities- monitoring, alternative programs, high incidence of ED, retention and recruiting of special educators.

Final legislative update.

### **Other:**

Mill requested the Council reschedule meeting day/time so it is not in conflict with State Board meetings. Lauren made a motion to reschedule the May and June Council meetings to May 14, 2018 and June 13, 2018 with the time remaining the same 9:30-1:30. Discussion: Mary will check to see if current meeting space is available on those dates and if not she will look for an alternative meeting space. Troy seconded. All in favor.

Karen will send membership role table to Mary, who will send out with next month's agenda. Karen will get contact information for new members.

A motion was made by Sherrie to adjourn the meeting, Troy seconded. No Discussion. All in favor.

Adjourned 12:50pm.

**Meeting Schedule (hold the dates):**

May 14, 2018, & June 13, 2018