

APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting Place: Hybrid Meeting Microsoft Teams platform (Virtual Meeting) and The Classroom at UVM Extension, 327 US-302, Barre Montpelier Rd. Barre, VT 05641

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 (1:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.)

Present: Katie Ballard, Dean Lesperance, Scarlett Duncan, Krista Yagjian, Alison Amidon, Dawn Campbell, Sandra Chittenden, Tara Howe, Jacqui Kelleher, Susan Dreyer Leon, Vickie Haskins, Molly McFaun, Barbara Joyal, Tracy Rubman, Chris Case (AOE guest) Meg Porcella, Sarah Katz, Ana Russo

Agenda:

1:00-1:10	Come to Order, Review Group Expectations, approve minutes
1:10-1:15	Public Comment
1:15-1:25	State Director/AOE Staffing Update
1:25-1:40	Alt Assessment Brief Overview
1:40-1:50	Rule Change/Implementation Discussion (standing monthly topic)
1:50-2:05	Introduce Small Group Work Groups
2:05-2:55	Workgroups
2:55-3:05	Break
3:05-3:50	Dispute resolution Presentation with AOE
3:50-3:55	Public Comment
3:55-4:00	Updates from Executive Committee
4:05	Adjourn

Come to Order, Review Group Expectations, approve minutes:

Dana Lesperance moved to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Scarlett Duncan seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Public Comment:

Katie Ballard opened public comment. No public comment was made.

State Director/AOE Staffing Update:

Chris Case gave an update on the search for a new state director. The position will be reposted next week. AOE will be reaching out to other agencies to obtain good quality candidates.

Chris Case is also leaving the AOE. [Meg Porcella](#) introduced herself as the new AOE liaison for the SEAP.

Alt Assessment Brief Overview:

New platform. Window opens March 13 and will close on April 28. There is a new staff member coming on to support. There is a Multi-State Alternate Assessment (msaa) organization working on this together. [Ana Russo](#) reviewed some information about the alt assessment. The general assessment will be discussed separately.

[AOE Alternate Assessments webpage](#)

[MSAA 2023 Test Administration Manual](#)

[Vermont's Alternate Assessment Criteria Checklist](#)

msaa states – [Resources for Families](#)

msaa [Sample Items](#)

goma.mabika@vermont.gov --General Ed Assessment Questions

General Assessment: Documentation and Training – Vermont Support Site ([cognia.org](#))

[MSAA Testing System Operational Checklist](#)

Memo to States -re [One Percent Waiver Requirements 2022-2023](#)

[msaa parent brochure 2020](#)

[300.160 Participation in Assessment - IDEA](#)

Rule Change/Implementation Discussion:

Agency of Education [Special Education Resources for Special Educators and Administrators](#)

Chris Case reviewed the implementation of the rule changes.

Focused on PD and intervention delivery procedures. We are working with schools in the implementation of whatever method they have chosen.

Katie Ballard suggested that Chris Kane come to speak to the Panel.

[K-12 Special Education Evaluation Implementation Guide](#)

SPDG: State Personnel Development Grant (MTSS work) focused on improving instruction and intervention to improve education for students with disabilities by improving education for all students.

Additional information will be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting if we can get them on the agenda.

Introduce Small Group Work Groups:

Breakout rooms were suggested last year to work on subcommittee topics. We will be having a 45 minute time on the agenda so that small groups can discuss individual issues to bring back to the group. We will do this for the rest of the meetings for this school year.

Workgroups:

Seclusion and Restraint, Independent Schools, Critical Staff Shortage
Small groups utilized note takers in the breakout rooms.

Break:

Dispute resolution Presentation with AOE:

Sarah Katz presented a report on Dispute Resolution.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Updates from Executive Committee:

Katie reviewed membership drive. We need more parents and professionals. We are still updating our Bylaws and hope to have them done by the end of the school year.

The meeting in June has been changed to June 1 and will be held at the Agency of Transportation.

Adjourn:

The committee thanked Chris Case for his commitment to the students and educators of Vermont. The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Meeting Schedule (hold the date):

[April 13, 2023](#) (Hybrid), 4:30pm-7:35pm

[May 11, 2023](#) (Hybrid), 4:30pm-7:35pm

[June 1, 2023](#) (In-person), 10:00am-4:05pm

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