

**CREC COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
3/16/16**

COUNCIL

Donald Harris, Chair, Bloomfield
Kristen Picard-Wambolt, Ellington
Jeremy Grieveson, Interim Sec/Treasurer, Glastonbury
Jackie Blea, Avon
Alison Romkey, Bolton
Christopher Wilson, Bristol
Joseph Scheideler, Canton
Lori Unghire, Enfield
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John Vecchitto, Region #10
Dilip Desai, Rocky Hill
Lydia Tedone, Simsbury
Terry Lombardi, Southington
Jeanne Gee, Suffield
Linda Gessay, Vernon
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Greg Florio
Sandy Cruz-Serrano
Tim Nee
Dina Crowl
Regina Terrell
Deborah Richards
Aura Alvarado
Sarah Vocca
Jeff Ivory
Julia Winer
Tiana Whitehead
Robert Saunders

GUEST

Vanessa de la Torre (Hartford Courant)
Patrice McCarthy – (CABE)
Pete Smith (Rome Smith & Lutz)

The following towns were not represented at the meeting: Berlin, Cromwell, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Enfield, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, New Britain, New Hartford, Plainville, Somers, South Windsor, Southington, and Windsor Locks.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. Council Chair Donald Harris called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.
- B. MOTION: A motion was made by John Vecchitto, seconded by Jeremy Grieveson, and passed to approve the minutes of the 2/18/16 Council meeting. The following members abstained: Christopher Wilson, Joseph Scheideler, Kristen Picard-Wambolt, Cheryl Greenberg, and Jeanne Gee.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Special Recognition - Lydia Tedone, Council Member and CABE representative presented the 2015 Awards of Excellence to CREC Communications - Aura Alvarado₁, Amanda Falcone, and Kellie McLaughlin.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. General Item
 - 1. CT SDE Addendum – Child Nutrition
 - 2. Discovery Academy

- B. 2016-2017 Continuing Programs
 - 1. Internal Staff Development
 - 2. Regional Fingerprinting Service
 - 3. CREC Wide Area Network
 - 4. Copy Center
 - 5. Central Office Facility Cost Center

MOTION: A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by Kristen Picard-Wambolt to approve entire consent agenda to include all items under general items and 2016-2017 continuing programs.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Review of Blue Folder – Executive Director Greg J. Florio, Ed.D. welcomed the Council and thanked them for their participation. Dr. Florio began the report by reviewing the blue folder which included among other things, handouts with Magnet School information.

V. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Council Chair Donald Harris notified Council that the NSBA Conference is being held from April 8-11th in Boston, MA. Council Chair Harris also discussed the Nominating Committee and the task of voting for Board of Directors for 2016-2017. Additionally, Council Chair Harris discussed the importance of Minority Teacher Recruiting and work he has done recently testifying in hearings regarding this.

VI. DELIBERATED ACTION

- A. New Business
 - 1. Policies – First Reading. No recommended action. Voting will take place at the April Council meeting.
 - a. Revised Policy 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
 - b. Revised Policy 5141.22 - Providing Education to students with Chronic Communicable Disease
 - c. Revised Policy 514.11 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion

 - 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - a. Public Safety Academy Litigation
 - b. Administrators, Professional and Support Staff Salaries and Benefits
- MOTION: A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by Michael Brescia, and passed unanimously to go into executive session at 12:21 p.m. All guests and CREC staff with the exception of Greg Florio (Executive Director), Sandy Cruz-Serrano (Deputy Executive Director), Regina Terrell (Director of HR) and Legal Counsel from Shipman & Goodwin left the room. A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson, seconded by Lydia Tedone to move out of Executive Session. A motion was made by Kristen Picard-Wambolt, seconded by Jeremy Grieveson, and passed to approve the Administrators, Professional and Support Staff

Salaries and Benefits. Those opposed were Timothy Lavoy and Sharon Braverman. At 1:13 p.m. executive session ended and all staff and guests returned to the room.

B. Old Business – None at this time

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Patrice McCarthy of CABE and Pete Smith of Rome, Smith & Lutz provided a legislative update to the Council.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Financial Report – presented and accepted

B. Leadership Budget 2016-2017 – presented. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in May.

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members discussed the upcoming Nominating process for 2016-2017 Board of Directors.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. MOTION – A motion was made by Christopher Wilson, seconded by Cheryl Greenberg and passed unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tiana Whitehead