

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents

FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.

DATE: June 10, 2021

CREC
Council Meeting Minutes
6/15/22
11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting
(Info to follow in the Appointment Invite)

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Jackie Blea	Greg Florio – CREC
Chris Wilson	Sandy Cruz-Serrano
Lou Daniels	Tim Sullivan - CREC
Miriam Underwood	Carlos Figueroa – CREC
Kim Oliver	Heather Tartaglia - CREC
Merrill Gay	Mason Thrall - CREC
Becky Tyrrell	Jeff Ivory -CREC
John Vecchitto	Amy Karwan - CREC
Lydia Tedone	Deb Borrero
Maureen Sattan	
Bobbie Hughes-Granato	Patrice McCarthy
Leonard Lockhart	

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

A. 5/18/22 Council Meeting

MOTION: A Motion to approve the May 18, 2022 minutes was made by Jackie Blea and seconded by Chris Wison and passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kim Oliver reported that the Finance and Audit Committee met on 6/8/22 to discuss the exhibits that will be up for approval later on during this meeting

Dr. Florio presented a PowerPoint on 2022/2023 Budget – Key Facts (Powerpoint presentation will be sent via email to all board members)

- Budget increase year over a year less than 1% (excluding pass-thru grants)
- Leadership budget 2.2% of the budget (increase year over year 3.4%)
- Medical Benefits increase greater than the overall budget increase
- Property Services Budget
- Decreases (Energy program and Capital Improvements)
- Facility Costs for Ana Grace
- Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Program “Right-sizing” – Delivery Model Changes (Soundbridge/B-3/Construction Services)
- Program New/Expansion
- Transition Academy
- Magnets/Sheff CCP
- PREK at Progress Drive
- Theme Change/Increase Seats COMPSCI – 6-12
- Expanding Seats – Head Start
- SDE – Special Ed Support (RESC Alliance)

Tim Sullivan provided information on several schools changing their themes and being renamed allowing for additional seats to be filled by more students (Former Civic Leadership now CREC Academy Computer Science and Engineering H.S will have 340 seats added, Former Two Rivers will now be CREC Academy Computer Science and Engineering MS will have 100 seats added and the former SoundBridge Building in Progress Drive will now house 6 new PreK Classroom and adding 120 more slots.

Sandy Cruz Serrano reported that CREC Headstart will be adding 7 new classrooms (5 @ Locust Street, 1 @ Swift Factory, and 1 @ Bloomfield Location) these will be additional seats for the Early Childhood – Birth to 3 age group upcoming year.

Heather Tartaglia reported that Special Educational Services continues to work with RESC and SDE. The contract continues to expand with the bulk of it being the IEP Rollout.

V. CONSENT AGENDA**A. General Item**

- 1) Authorization to Sign Checks (Attachment A)
- 2) Authorization to Sign Contracts (Attachment B)
- 2) Ana Grace Academy of Arts (Attachment C)

B. 2021-2022 Revised Programs

- 1) Early/Head Start Program (Attachment D)
- 2) CREC Metropolitan Learning Center Magnet School (Attachment E)
- 3) CREC University of Hartford Magnet School (UHMS) (Attachment F)
- 4) CREC Civic Leadership High School (Attachment G)
- 5) CREC Academy of Science and Innovation (Attachment H)
- 6) CREC Discovery Academy (Attachment I)
- 7) CREC Ana Grace Academy of Arts Elem. Magnet School (Attachment J)
- 8) CREC Wide Area Network (Attachment K)

C. 2022-2023 Revised Program

- 1) Head Start/Early Head Start Program (Attachment L)

D. 2022-2023 New Program

- 1) The CREC Preschool at Progress Drive (Attachment M)

E. 2022-2023 Continued Programs

- 1) CREC Montessori Magnet School (Attachment N)
- 2) Glastonbury – East Hartford Elem. Magnet School (Attachment O)
- 3) CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (Attachment P)
- 4) CREC Museum Academy (Attachment Q)
- 5) CREC Academy of International Studies Formerly MLC (Attachment R)
- 6) CREC Greater Hartford Acad. of Arts (GHAA) Magnet School (Attachment S)
- 7) CREC University of Hartford Magnet School (UHMS) (Attachment T)
- 8) CREC Academy of Computer Science & Engineering formerly Civic Leadership High School (Attachment L)
- 9) CREC Academy of Computer Science & Engineering Middle School Formerly Two Rivers Middle School (Attachment V)
- 10) CREC Academy of International Studies formerly CREC International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (Attachment W)
- 11) CREC Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (Attachment X)
- 12) CREC Academy of Science and Innovation (Attachment Y)
- 13) CREC Discovery Academy (Attachment Z)
- 14) CREC Ana Grace Academy of the Art Elem. Magnet School (Attachment AA)
- 15) CREC Greater Hartford Acad. of the Arts Magnet MS (Attachment BB)
- 16) CREC Academy of Aerospace and Eng. Elem Magnet School (Attachment CC)
- 17) CREC Magnet School Office (Attachment DD)
- 18) Project Prevent (Attachment EE)
- 19) Magnet School Assistance Program (Attachment FF)
- 20) 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (Attachment GG)
- 21) Hartford Region Open Choice Program (Attachment HH)
- 22) American Rescue Plan – Elem. and Secondary School Relief (ARP-ESSER Grant: (Attachment II)
- 23) Open Choice Early Beginnings Grant (Attachment JJ)

- 24) River Street School – RSS (Attachment KK)
- 25) Integrated Program Models (IPM) – (Attachment LL)
- 26) Transition to Employment Services (Attachment MM)
- 27) RESC Alliance SDE IDEA – (Attachment NN)
- 28) Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP) (Attachment OO)

MOTION - A motion was made by Chris Wilson seconded by John Vecchitto and passed unanimously to approve all items (A – OO) under the Consent Agenda

VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Florio – started his report by welcoming our newest board member Miriam Underwood from Ellington. He reported that we had a visit from the Federal Office of Head Start and it was a great success as the Federal Office was very impressed with the staff and services being provided at our different locations. The visit and the outcome helped with the Office of Headstart approving additional funding for the changes/upgrades needed for the Swift Factory location. He also reports that there will be a total of 5 graduations this year first one being today and the last one on Saturday. He updated the council members that today there was an Open Choice Focus Group there were several issues with logging on but the purpose of the first meeting was to gauge interest and topics for this group. There will be upcoming meetings via zoom the first one will be scheduled in the fall.

Dr. Florio thanked all board members and staff for another successful school year and wished everyone a great summer. Dr. Florio also congratulated Pat McCarthy from CABC on her new appointment.

VII. **COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**

Lydia welcomed Miriam Underwood newest council member from Ellington and stated if she had any questions to please reach out to CREC Staff or herself for guidance. She also expressed the importance of each council member speaking to their superintendents about the importance of the Open Choice discussion being had at the CREC Council meetings and urge them to be part of the discussion. She also reported that she attended the Collective Bargaining Conference and it was very informative and eye-opening, to say the least.

VIII. **DELIBERATED ACTION**

A. New Business

- 1) Proposed 2022-2023 Council meeting dates (Attachment PP)

MOTION: Motion to approve Proposed 2022-2023 Meeting dates under Deliberated Actions was made by Chris Wilson and seconded by Becky Tyrrell and passed unanimously

IX. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Patrice McCarthy reported that the Legislative Session adjourned in May. She reported that there was a large bill at the end which Mandates 30minutes of uninterrupted lunch break for teachers. She also reported another issue that was being taken up – Dual Instruction- which states that if a teacher is teaching remotely she cannot teach in-person or vice versa teacher sharing cannot be allowed.

They are not sure how this will impact teaching. The discussion will follow and updates given.

X. **REPORTS**

A. Financial Report (Attachment QQ) Sandy Cruz-Serrano presented and discussed the financial report

XI. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Lydia Tedone reported that her school had its graduation yesterday it was outdoors and it was a great day.

Leonard Lockert reported that their graduation was at the beginning of the month and their last day of school was yesterday. Wished everyone a great summer and is looking forward to a great school year.

Jackie Blea – thanked everyone for a great year and is very excited as she is looking forward to the upcoming school year.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Motion made by Jackie Blea and seconded by Becky Tyrrell and passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 12:28 pm