Bob Thibault called the meeting to order at 2:40. In attendance: Bob Thibault, Holly Rouelle, Joan Cavallo, Beth O’Brien, Chris Young, Nate Demar, Rebecca Fillion, Jim Avery, Erica McLaughlin, Sarah Pickering, Steve Perrin, Jay Nichols and Mallori Longevin.

- Review/Modify/Approve Minutes from June 26, 2020 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2020 was made by Steve Perrin. The motion was seconded by Beth O’Brien. The motion passed unanimously.

- Bob and Jay feedback on Mtg. with Secretary today and going forward

Jay and Bob gave a brief update on their weekly meetings with the Secretary of Education.

- Fall Sports Reopening Document
  - Short History Update
  - Progress/Status Report
  - Our “original” sports guidance is in the shared folder
  - Our latest VPA document on sports guidance is in the shared folder
    - Jay to walk group through - knowing this isn’t state approved yet

Bob briefed us about the task force that he and Jay have been asked to join regarding the opening of fall sports.

- AOE/VPA Partnership on “Comprehensive Needs Schools”
  - Using Better Conversations Everyday
  - Leadership Training with Center for Creative Leadership
  - We (VPA) will serve as fiscal agent as well as service provider
    - We will “hire” CCL as a subcontractor
  - This all stems from ESSA money that the AOE never spent or developed a plan to spend that was supposed to be completed by June 30, 2020
    - They came to us in February asking for help
    - Feds gave extension to states because of COVID 19
  - As of this writing, we don’t have the money in the bank and won’t executive a contract with CCL until we have it

Jay gave us an update on the partnership with the AOE for training for comprehensive needs schools.

- Projected New Leaders for 2020-2021
  - Right now I have 59 confirmed changes (Principals and AP’s)
  - Last year when I did the official calculation in Oct. it was 72
  - That was 18% last year, I’m hopeful we stay under 20% again!

Jay informed the EC of the number of new leaders currently on the VPA’s radar.

- Academy Update

Mallori gave a brief discussion of her meeting with Shane Safir and Mike regarding Shane’s keynote. Then, with Jay, answered questions from the EC about the Leadership Academy planning and status.

- School Mascots/Racism
  - Do we want to take a “position” on this?
  - Member asking
Discussion/Decision?

Jay told us about an email he had received regarding a potential mascot change and asked if the EC believes that the VPA should take a position. The Executive Council directed Jay, with the help of Mike McRaith, to draft some statements for the Executive Council to look at during the next meeting. From Steve Perrin - "A school mascot should be a symbol that represents the values of the school community and allows all members of the school community to celebrate their school without reservations."

Next Meeting? Wait until the Academy or something sooner?

It was decided that the Executive Council will meet July 31st 3:00pm.