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MINUTES

VPA Executive Council Agenda

Thursday, January 28, 2016

VPA Office, Montpelier

10:00 **Welcome, Introductions and Remarks** Patrick Burke, VPA president
At 10:07, VPA President Patrick Burke called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Patrick Burke, Joan Cavallo, Dean Stearns, André Messier, Wayne Howe, Lissa McDonald, Jeff Moreno, Shaun Pickett, Bill Anton, Andy Paciulli, Bob St. Pierre, Erica McLaughlin
Absent were Beth O'Brien and Amy Minor.
VPA Staff in attendance: ken page, Linda Wheatley, Annie Howell, Bob Hingston

10:10 **Approval of Minutes from November 16th meeting**
Lissa McDonald moved to approve the November 16 minutes. This was seconded by Dean Stearns and approved unanimously

10:15 **Preparing for today's sessions with Dr. Manna and with Legislators (Ken)**
Patrick Burke turned this item over to Ken Page. Ken walked the EC through the plan of the day with College of William and Mary Government Professor Dr. Paul Manna who is the author of the Wallace Foundation Report, Developing Excellent School Principals to Advance Teaching and Learning: Considerations for State Policy
The EC developed its own list of items to discuss with Dr. Manna. They are as follows: Considering the high turnover rate, what do state organizations do to "grow their own leaders?", What do others do to recruit, develop and sustain principals? What is the best way for principals to have influence on the legislative process? Why do we need to go through legislators to make changes in education? Doesn't

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this just make it more complicated? How can we encourage all principals to be members of the VPA? (100% membership)

10:45

Updates and Plans

- Annie Howell, Coordinator of Professional Development
Academy Update

Annie Howell gave out a draft of the 2016 Leadership Academy which includes Dr. Kim Marshall as our keynoter day #1 on August 2, a full compliment of learning strands Day #2 (August 3rd) including presenters on using Social Media, Teacher Evaluation, The Common Core, Cultural Competence, Strategic and Intentional Leadership including an Ed Camp format or District level meetings on day #3.

Questions and Comments:

**Andy Paciulli-Can we offer an incentive for principals to come with their district administrative teams?
Bill Anton-Can we offer mentor-Mentee training right at the Academy. Can we make give free registration to both a mentor and a mentee to attend the Academy?**

A Framework for VPA Professional Development

- Linda Wheatley, Coordinator of Marketing, Membership and Sponsorships
Summary of Membership Survey

Linda reviewed the high points of the membership survey which she summarized; she also updated the EC regarding sponsorships

- Bob Hingston, Coordinator of Middle Level Activities and Athletics
New Initiatives

Bob gave the EC an indication how of how he has reached out to middle level ADs.

Approval of Audit: Before launching into other business, president elect, Joan Cavallo and a member of the finance committee appraised the EC that she and the finance committee had met earlier this morning

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and had tentatively approved the audit for the 2014-15 school year. She said that the Finance committee had no questions and it seemed like a clean audit. Joan's motion was seconded by Bill Anton, also a member of the finance committee. It was approved unanimously.

11:15 Legislative Update: Getting EC input on key bills

Because time is a bit constrained today, Pat turned this section over to Ken who updated the EC regarding the resolution on Marijuana legalization. After some discussion, it was moved by Dean Stearns and seconded by Jeff Moreno to approve the resolution after slight edits. The motion passed on a 12-0-1 vote (with Sean Pickett abstaining)

- Marijuana Legislation: How can we make time for an extended EC discussion? Do we want (or need to) take a position?
- Allowable Growth Threshold-Where are we?

(no news to report at this time since it was still in flux-agreed to on Saturday, 1-29-16 at 1:00 a.m.!)

- School Discipline bills: S 248, S. 194 and S.67

(because of time constraints, this item was passed over)

- Other Education bills

12:00 If Dr. Manna is on time returning from the AOE, we will dispense with Announcements and Follow Up. If not, we will do as many items as we can until he arrives
Announcements and Follow Up (Ken) If we run out of time, Ken will put this in memo form and solicit ideas from EC members. Second possibility: a phone conference, time TBD.

- Policy updates from website
- MYVPA App
- Principal of the Year Process
- ESSA
- Budget Committee

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12:00-12:40 **Lunch with Dr. Paul Manna, Government professor, College of William and Mary**

12:40-2:30 **Presentation by Dr. Manna from his Wallace Foundation presentation**
Dr. Manna presented the highlights of his Wallace Foundation study. Note: Highlights are attached to these minutes.

At 2:30, with a senate testimony ahead of him, the EC adjourned. Motion by Joan Cavallo, seconded by Lissa McDonald and approved unanimously.

3:00-3:45 **Meeting with Senate Education Committee, Room 28, Vermont Statehouse**

4:15-5:15 **Meeting and Reception with House Education Committee, Room 11 Statehouse**
Presentation by Dr. Manna and potential testimony from principals about current issues/concerns

Future meetings:

- Friday, March 24, 2016 at St. Albans City School (Principal of the Year selection in PM)
- Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier
- Thursday and Friday, August 4&5 After the VPA Leadership Academy in Killington