

Executive Council Meeting
May 1, 2020
Agenda

9:00- 9:05 - Welcome introductions - Bob Thibault, VPA President

Bob Thibault called the meeting to order at 9:01. In attendance; Bob Thibault, Steve Perrin, Erica LeClair, Erica McLaughlin, Nathan DeMar, Chris Young, Holly Rouelle, Sarah Pickering, Rebecca Fillion, Jim Avery, Beth O'Brien, Andy Paciulli, Bill Olsen, Adam Bunting, Joan Cavallo, Jay Nichols and Mallori Longevin

9:05-10:00 - Dan French, Secretary of Education

- Coherence Presentation/Discussion
- Graduation/End of Year Events
 - See short Graduation Year End Events Table
- AOE Updates

The Executive Council was joined by Vermont Secretary of Education Dan French.

Secretary French gave an overview of his plan for policy coherence and his belief of there being an opportunity for proactive policy coherence. He asked the EC if there would be interest amongst the group, in working as a group to create a prototype for policy coherence. There was discussion.

There was discussion of graduation and end of year celebrations, summer and the beginning of next school year amidst Covid-19. Jay shared the general themes he collected from the field involving graduation and end of year celebrations.

There was a short debrief and discussion of the topics discussed with Secretary French.

There was discussion of having Executive Council meetings every other week throughout the summer. It was decided to begin meeting bi-weekly.

10:00-10:15 - Review and approve March Minutes

- See Google Folder

A motion to accept the minutes from March 10~~th~~ 2020 was made by Chris Young, the motion was seconded by Holly Rouelle. The motion passed unanimously.

10:15-11:00- Budget - Jay

- Jay will go over Budget
 - See Google Folder for Budget
- Discussion/Any Changes?
- Ratification of Budget

Jay discussed the proposed budget, with attention to rule books, t-shirts, spring sports and dues freezing.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Beth O'Brien, the motion was seconded by Erica McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

11:00-11:15 - Term limits

- Any replacements?
 - Bill Olsen (becoming superintendent of Rutland City Schools)
 - Discussion on potential replacements
 - Selection Ranked Order

There was discussion of filling the opening seat on the Executive Council. The Executive Council gave Jay a few names and directed him to research the counties those people will

represent and bring the list to the Executive Council at the next meeting to decide on a new member.

11:15-11:30: Activity Standards Committee new members

- Asking us to approve the following to begin terms in August:
- Mike Weston, Principal Mt. Mansfield, Jeff Goodrich, Asst. Principal at Essex High School, Matt DeBlois, Principal Vergennes Elementary School.
 - Need a motion to approve

The Executive Council was asked to approve three new members for the Activities Standards Committee. Those three new members are Mike Weston, Jeff Goodrich and Matt DeBlois. A motion to approve the new ASC members was made by Chris Young, the motion was seconded by Steve Perrin. The motion passed unanimously.

11:30-11:45: VPA Payroll Protection Plan loan

- We applied and received the loan (\$95,000)
- Through Northfield Savings Bank
- Haven't seen any money yet
- Amount of Loan will be forgiven if we don't lay off anyone during COVID-19 Crisis
 - This will help with our revenue issues related to sports/prof. Learning.

During his budget proposal discussion, Jay gave a brief description of the loan that the VPA applied for, and received, in response to Covid-19. The loan will help cover salaries and operating expenses after revenue loss due to cancellation of spring sports and professional learning events.

11:45-12:45: State Financial Picture

- Options/Discussion/Guidance for Executive Director
- I will share some concepts at the meeting that I would rather were not written down

Jay gave an overview of the state financial picture for the current and next year, amidst Covid-19. He also discussed the different ways that have been proposed to save money and help the financial economy created by Covid-19. The Executive Council discussed the proposed ideas.

12:45-1:00- Preparation for Student Trauma Mental Health Mtg.

There was discussion about the topics and issues that should be brought up and asked about in the upcoming meeting with Sarah Squirrel and Laurel Omland of the Vermont Department of Health.

1:00-2:00 Break while Jay and Bob meet with Secretary French and other Organizations

The Executive Council took a break and reconvened at 2:00pm for the VDH meeting.

2:00- 3:00 Sarah Squirrel & Laurel Omland, Vermont Department of Health

The Executive Council was joined by Sarah Squirrel and Laurel Omland from the Vermont Department of Health. Introductions were made. Sarah and Laurel spoke about the ways that the Vermont Department of Health is working, and would like to continue to work, with students and schools regarding their mental health and trauma and the ways that the VDH and the VPA could collaborate.

Supporting and Informational Materials:

- Letter to Sec. Devos re. IDEA Flexibility

- Letter to Federal Leadership Supporting Title 2 A
- Proposed VPA FY 21 Budget
- Ed. Class of 2020 Guidance from AOE document
- Bank Loan Promissory Note
- First Cares ACT summary from WestEd
- Some sample testimonies from Jay to various committees
 - Senate Finance
 - House Education
 - Joint Committee Testimonies
- Financial Statements
- Graduation Year End Events Table for Secretary French

Sarah Pickering moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:03. The motion was seconded by Holly Rouelle. The motion passed unanimously.