

June 26, 2020
VPA Executive Council Meeting
Agenda

Bob Thibault called the meeting to order at 2:00. In attendance; Bob Thibault, Joan Cavallo, Beth O'Brien, Erica McLaughlin, Chris Young, Steve Perrin, Sarah Pickering, Bill Olsen, Adam Bunting, Rebecca Fillion, Mike McRaith, Jay Nichols and Mallori Longevin.

A motion to approve the minutes from June 5th was made by Joan Cavallo. The motion was seconded by Adam Bunting. The motion passed unanimously.

- Check in and updates

Bob Thibault and Jay Nichols gave us an update on their weekly meetings with Dan French.

- Leadership Academy
 - Virtual Academy
 - Committee Meetings Discussion

Mike McRaith gave us an update on the virtual academy's new format and schedule. The Executive Council decided to hold their usual Academy committee meeting at 9am on Friday August 7th and will ask the ASC and PL&S to send the EC their 2020-2021 goals before that meeting.

- Reopening of Schools
 - Phase 2 vs. Phase 3
 - Masks Issue
 - Sports Update

Jay took questions regarding the guidance for opening schools. He gave an update on the document that the Sports Task Force created for guidance for playing sports.

- BCE
 - Mike, Sarah, Jay trained to deliver program online
 - Presented to Rutland Northeast on June 19
 - Evaluations very positive
 - We will be training North Country SU Leaders in early August

Jay gave us a quick update on the BCE training that was held on June 19th.

- Contracts
 - VPA Team all has signed contracts (Mallori, Heidi, Mike, Bob, Jay) for the upcoming year
- Bob Johnson Retirement
 - Affirmed that this upcoming year will probably be his last
 - Will give final answer by Thanksgiving
 - Will start process late fall and into early winter if he decides to retire
 - Successor named and will budget plan for transition time as necessary in Spring

Jay gave us an update on Bob Johnson's potential retirement and the plan for hiring his replacement.

- VPA Leads Courtesy Postings

- Must be sponsor or charged a fee concept
- Three freebies a year suggestion
- School Records Retention
 - Record Keeping Document for feedback
 - Localschool Example Procedure
 - State Archives asking for our feedback on official records
 - See attached document in folder

Jay gave a brief description of the meeting he had with the State Archives and explained the feedback that they are asking for from the Executive Council. The Executive Council discussed and directed Jay to tell the State Archives that they believe that they are not the correct people to give guidance.

- EPN Discussion and Next Steps
 - Mike McRaith will be part of this discussion and will share status update
 - Discussion/Action?

Mike McRaith gave a short reminder description of the EPN and it's work and an update of the EPN status after the completion of the first of two years.

Mike also gave us a brief explanation of the different ways that the VPA is working to address implicit bias and inequities.

Attachments in Mtg. Folder:

- Two Prospect Street Partners FY21 Budget
- Meeting Agenda
- Winter Sports Financial Report
- Local School District Record Archive Template
- A Strong and Healthy Start (Reopening Schools in Fall Guidance)
- Letter from Senator Sanders at my request supporting more funding for schools
- Senator Sanders response to my request
- Equity Initiative Document PDF from Mike McRaith

Sarah Pickering made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45. The motion was seconded by Steve Perrin. The motion passed unanimously.