

July 17, 2020 Executive Council Meeting
Agenda

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