

January 22, 2021
VPA Executive Council
Agenda

Beth O'Brien called the meeting to order at 3:02 . In attendance: Erica McLaughlin, Joan Cavallo, Chris Young, Steve Perrin, Holly Rouelle, Pam Arnold, Rebecca Fillion, Beth O'Brien, Adam Bunting, April Lane, Sarah Pickering, Jim Avery, Bob Thibault, Erica LeClair, Jay Nichols and Mallori Longevin.

- Secretary French attending the meeting
 - Update on Legislation priorities for the Administration this session
 - Any thoughts on "Recovery" etc.
 - Goal 2 and 6

The Executive Council was joined by Secretary of Education Dan French. Secretary French gave the EC an update on policies the agency is focusing on this legislative year.

- Approval of December 18, 2020 Minutes
 - Need a motion to approve or modify

A motion to approve the minutes from December 18th was made by Joan Cavallo. The motion was seconded by Sarah Pickering. The motion passed unanimously.

- Update Meetings with Secretary French
 - Goal 2
- Update Waddington 2.1
 - List of group is in your folder
 - Goal 4 and 6
- Next Meeting Date
 - Assuming roughly a month from now

The EC decided to hold the next meeting on February 12th.

- COVID Recovery Discussion/Brainstorming
 - Credit recovery
 - Summer support
 - Extra classes
 - Working with Adult Ed.
 - Goal 1,5 and 6

Jay gave us an update on the AOE discussions of recovery and reengagement.

- VT NEA/VPA Concept
 - Summer "camps" with fun activities and embedded academic/literacy support
 - Federal funds
 - Optional for families but strongly suggest for some students
 - Districts/Schools develop plans
 - **See powerpoint in folder Jay developed**
 - Goal 1, 5 and 6
- Educator Retirement Update
 - See Jay's Notes in Folder
- Youth Council Bill Support
 - [Youth Council Letter of Support](#)

- VT-NEA has signed on. They want us to as well
- Discussion
- Decision

A motion for the VPA to support the Youth Council Bill was made by Jim Avery. The motion was seconded by Holly Rouelle. The motion passed unanimously.

- Testimony
 - Copies of my testimony notes/documents are shared in this folder
- Special Education State Committee Support need a principal
 - Request from Patrick Haliday, Director of Education Quality Division
 - Vermont is building a steering committee for work on special education with the CEEDAR project. As a part of that work, CEEDAR requires for a statewide leadership committee on the proposed attract, recruit, retain, licensing policy work.

Jay informed the EC that the Special Education State Committee was requesting a principal member. Sarah Pickering volunteered to sit on the committee.

- H. 80 Teacher's able to break contracts for more money bill!
 - Just a reminder that this bill that we killed last year is back again
 - This is a huge equity issue and puts principals in the position of trying to find teachers for positions they had already believed they had filled
- VPA Profit and Loss Document:
 - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm1#inbox/FMfcgxwKkbldmcpKTTtvHGCrpmtjwzFC>
 - It is a spreadsheet and very long but very complete for anyone that wants to compare year to year (45 pages total)
- Budget Development Plan
 - Make believe this school year never happened and factor it out of the equation!!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Avery. The motion was seconded by Erica McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously.