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Minutes
Policy Board Meeting
October 17, 2022

1. Call to order

Vicki Washburn, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- ✓ Motion to accept the minutes from May 2022 – J. Stapley and second B. LeClair Motion carried, unanimous.

3. Fiscal Report

Denise submitted a monthly report of the current status of NCTRC

- ✓ Motion to accept the fiscal report dated October 17, 2022 – T. Figoni and second J. Stapley Motion carried, unanimous.

4. Reports and Communications

Director's report attached

New Business

It is a new year and at the first meeting of the fiscal year we elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

- ✓ Motion to elect Cindy McCarty for Chairperson and Vicki Washburn for Vice-Chairperson for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by B. LeClair, seconded by T. Figoni Motion carried, unanimous

During the summer, Denise and Cathy Butts were informed that the NCTRC grant was conditionally approved until December 31 due to the Director job description being out of compliance. Denise shared the form that was sent in originally, the guidance form and what was incorrect about it. Denise went through it with a fine tooth comb, took out some items that were redundant and fixed some duties that were in the wrong category. Changes were discussed and approved by the board.

- ✓ Motion to approve the revised Director Job Description and send to State Ed for approval by J. Stapley, seconded by C. McCarty. Motion carried, unanimous

We welcome new policy board member Melissa Niquette from Boquet Valley School. Allison was the previous member who got a job at a new school. We are glad to have her!

The OPEN Meeting law has been updated by Gov. Hochul in an attempt to get people back to in-person meetings. The updated guidance means that there will only be very few reasons a person can be attending remotely, and even if this a direction the board wishes to continue we would have to pass a resolution. More information will be shared at the Fall Focus. This body will make every attempt to continue meeting our quorum each time. The director will reach out to those not attending meetings to ask if they wish to continue, and try to get new representatives from those districts that don't normally send a representative.

The director met with SUNY Field Placement personnel to encourage teachers to take on field placements. Denise offered the following: \$50 credit for early field placements, and one free class and a \$50 credit for student teachers. The field placement office will send QR codes of each person awarded and Denise will keep track of amounts used. Credit can be used for posters, copying, lamination, or towards a class. Each class must still be self-sustaining to add free class awards. For example, if a class needs 5 people to run, a person who is using an award certificate will not count towards that (i.e. it will need 6 to run)

- ✓ Motion to approve field placement incentives of \$50 credit for early field placements, and \$50 credit and one free class for student teaching placements made by B. LeClair, seconded by B. Fregeau. Motion carried, unanimous

NYSUT Update:

- NYSUT getting ready for the Representative Assembly (RA). The 2023-2023 RA will be moved to NYC.
- New regent has been appointed for our area, it seems like he will be a really good fit and will be a positive representative.
- NYSUT's Take a Look at Teaching has been featured about 100 times in the news and continues to garner significant media interest. 43 Take a Look at Teaching grants have been awarded.
- North Country was well represented on the Safety First Task Force.
- There is a new vehicle for awarding unionists. Contact Jeanette for more information.
- Many in Albany are still working on modifying Tier 6. With the teacher shortage now an issue, we will need to improve it to attract new teachers to NY

Bailey let everyone know that the link to student loan forgiveness opened today and anyone looking to enroll can do that through the NYS Department of Education.

Review Timeline/Upcoming Events

NCTRC Monthly Meeting Dates 2022-2023

- December 12th
- March 6th
- May 22nd

- ✓ Motion to adjourn, made by B. LeClair, at 5:22 p.m.; seconded T. Figoni-Motion carried. unanimous

Next meeting will be December 12 starts at 4:15 p.m. @ NCTRC.

Attendance Records

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Policy Board Meeting

Quorum Present

Present:

Catherine Butts
Cynthia McCarty
April Myers-Lautenschuetz
Jeanette Stapley
Melody Trombley
Bethany LeClair
Vicki Washburn
Bonnie Gregware
Melissa Niquette
Theresa Figoni
Angie Waldron
Bailey Fregeau

Chairperson, Peru Central School
SUNY Plattsburgh
Parent representative
Retired Teacher, Essex
Northeastern Clinton Central School
Plattsburgh City Schools
Retired Teacher, Clinton County
Retired Teacher, Clinton County
Bouquet Valley School
Saranac Central School
CVES
LEA Representative

Also Attending:

Denise Sypek

NCTRC Director

Absent:

Steven Patnode
Jennifer Kowalczyk
Kathleen Morse
Dan Liegel
Jennifer Goodwin
Amanda Trombley
Laura Corey
Kyle Lang
John Oliver
Tammi Kreckel

Chazy Central School
Business Person, Mountain Lake PBS
Keene CSD
AuSable Valley Central School
Beekmantown
Northern Adirondack CSD
Schroon Lake CSD
Ticonderoga CSD
Willsboro
Moriah Central School

Minutes Submitted by Denise Sypek, Director 10/18/2022