

Minutes
MOEC Executive Board Meeting
September 22, 2014 at Assabet Valley Collaborative

Attendees: Catherine Cooper, Cathy Lawson, Bill Diehl, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Cathy Cummins, Steve Theall, Liz McGonagle, Bud MacDonnell, Richard Murphy, Colleen Dolan, Paulajo Gaines (DESE), Michelle Griffin (DESE), Chris Lynch (DESE)

The meeting began at 9:30 am. Steve Theall described the AESA Call to Action Conference he attended in Washington DC and mentioned that the AESA national conference will be held in December and that there is another AESA conference in January. He stated that at the upcoming MASC/MASS annual conference, MOEC will present on the Next Generation of Educational Collaboratives. Steve said he was optimistic about the passage of House Bill 3938. He announced that MOEC has submitted a new SPED Transportation grant to DESE and is considering a proposal to transport homeless children.

The board discussed the DDM grants that have been awarded to collaboratives and Steve reminded members that DESE is running an all day training meeting on the DDM grants at TEC on September 30.

Cathy Lawson is the representative on the PARCC Advisory Committee. She reported that the committee is looking at a Board of Education vote in November to vote on whether or not to adopt PARCC.

Colleen Dolan will remain as the representative on the SPED PAC

Cathy Cummins reported on the June meeting of the MASS Advisory Committee to the Commissioner. Topics included DDMs, licensure and the revision of IEP forms.

The board decided to spend some time at the November meeting on Google docs training so that documents and survey data could be shared more easily among MOEC members

Reports from the Regional Representatives:

Central Region:

The recently held Teacher Evaluation training was well-received. The collaboratives worked on the training together and shared the cost.

North Region:

The region will be working on regional enrichment opportunities for collaborative students, such as after school social events and athletics. The programs will be fee-based. The region also ran Educator Evaluation training and is working through issues surrounding the contract for RETELL training.

West Region:

CES and Lower Pioneer Valley have been meeting about Educator Evaluation, the Cross Collaborative committee of superintendents and the regional SEI Endorsement Center. The two collaboratives have also been strengthening their relationships in Berkshire County.

South Region:

DDMs and Virtual Learning were discussed at the last SCRO meeting. In November, there will be a regional PD Day. Low incidence staff will present Professional Development to district staff.

Greater Boston Region:

Liz McGonagle described the recently held Program Expo, which showcased collaborative programs. The region has been discussing DDM grants and is working on finalizing the next meeting date.

Richard Murphy provided a Treasurer's report to the board.

The board unanimously approved the June board minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.