

**Minutes**  
**June 9, 2014 Executive Board Meeting**  
**READS Collaborative – 105 East Grove Street Middleborough**

Attendees: Steve Theall, Richard Murphy, Paulajo Gaines (DESE), Michelle Griffin (DESE), Arlene Grubert, Maureen Gaughan, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Colleen Dolan, Bill Diehl, Chris Lynch (DESE), Theresa Craig, Marcia Berkowitz, Liz McGonagle, Cathy Cummins, Bud MacDonnell, Cathy Lawson

ICE Program:

The meeting began at 9:40 am with a presentation by Glenn Gabbard, coordinator of the Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment (ICE) program at the Executive Office of Education. The purpose of the ICE program is to encourage more students aged 18 to 22 with intellectual disabilities to attend college. Students typically take courses on an audit basis. Ten colleges in the Commonwealth are now participating. Eight are grant-funded and two (Mass Bay Community College and Holyoke Community College) are self-funded. Collaboratives are now eligible to become involved with the ICE program. Mr. Gabbard offered to help collaboratives develop relationships with colleges.

Debrief of Annual Meeting:

Steve Theall led the board in a discussion about the previous month's Annual MOEC Meeting. He stated that he had sent Commissioner Chester a note of thanks for attending the meeting and a request for possible dates for a summer meeting. Mr. Theall also mentioned that he received positive feedback about Kathy Levesque of CES's presentation on branding collaboratives and said that MOEC would ask Ms. Levesque about developing a two to three session Professional Development workshop on the topic.

Regional Representative Reports:

The Regional Representatives on the board then gave progress reports:

**South Region:**

Maureen Gaughan reported that the SCRO (Southeast Collaborative Regional Organization) is focusing on helping districts understand the Chapter 222 discipline bill and has developed a list of programs about Chapter 222.

**North Region:**

Cathy Lawson reported that the collaboratives in the region meet monthly and as needed. She stated that once the House 458, An Act Relative To Educational Collaboratives, is passed, the region will bring the stakeholders from the districts together to formalize the region organization.

**Greater Boston Region:**

Liz McGonagle reported that the collaboratives in the Greater Boston regions met recently and brainstormed about joint projects. The region will meet monthly and has set up a Google Group for easier communication.

**Central Region:**

Bud MacDonnell reported that the superintendents in the Central Region are interested in the collaboratives working together on Professional Development offerings.

**West Region:**

Bill Diehl reported that the two collaboratives in the West Region are working well together. The large number of non-member districts in the region continues to create some challenges for the region.

Regionalization:

The board then discussed challenges around formal regionalization, which include: integrating the Berkshires, integrating urban areas and creating a formal, statewide document with regionalization guidelines

Professional Development:

Steve Theall announced that Colleen Dolan would represent the collaboratives in meetings with Karen DeCoster's Professional Development group at DESE. He has also invited Ms. DeCoster to sit in on the MOEC Professional Development group's meetings.

Draft of MOEC Services and Savings Survey:

Board members reviewed the draft of the 2013-2014 MOEC Services and Savings Survey and suggested changes to reflect the most up-to-date terminology and service offerings.

Treasurer's Report:

The board unanimously approved the MOEC Executive Director's contract with a 2.5% raise. The board unanimously approved the FY15 MOEC budget.

Previous Minutes:

The April 2014 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by A.M. Atallah