

**Approved Minutes**  
**MOEC Executive Board Meeting**  
September 19, 2016 at The Education Cooperative

**Attendees:** Steve Theall, Richard Murphy, Bill Diehl, Cathy Cummins, Liz McGonagle, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Theresa Craig, Catherine Cooper, Cathy Lawson, Colleen Dolan, Paulajo Gaines,

The meeting began at 10:00 am with the introduction of Rick Rogers, Executive Director of MESPA (Massachusetts Elementary School Principals Association). He stated that MESPA is very open to working with collaboratives and detailed the organizations support groups and leadership coaching for elementary school principals.

Maggie Senior, Regional Sales Manager for ReThink, was the next presenter. She described the company's online platform, which provides on-demand PD to teachers and paraprofessionals. The company's website is: [www.RethinkFirst.com](http://www.RethinkFirst.com).

The next speaker was Megan Wiechnik from the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) who spoke about programs available for teachers, staff and students. She also provided information about the organization's helpline, COMPASS.

Steve Theall then gave his executive director's report. He let the board know that that Inclusive Practice Ambassadors had completed 690 visits and were on track to hit the target of 1,000 visits. He also let the board know that he and Joanne Haley Sullivan would be attending the AESA conference in Washington DC and that reservation information for the first annual AESA regional meeting (May 4-5) would be going out in January.

Paulajo Gaines then provided the ESE report to the board. She let the board know that Lieutenant Governor Polito recently sent a letter announcing the second year of the Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) program. There is \$2M available to support regionalization efforts, which includes not only towns considering the formation or expansion of a regional school district, but also towns interested in exploring other forms or regionalizing services. Christine Lynch wanted to make sure that the letter was shared with MOEC executive board. Alison forwarded the letter to the board on September 19. The board requested information from Paulajo about details of the ESE discipline reporting process so that collaboratives can understand how collaborative data will be presented.

The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 2016 board meeting.

The board then discussed the proposed by-law changes. Adding the AESA liaison as a board member is one of the changes to the by-laws. A motion to appoint Joanne Haley Sullivan AESA liaison passed unanimously. Once the general membership votes on the proposed by-law changes at the October meeting, Joanne will officially be added as a board member.

The regional representatives then gave their reports about technological capacity for online MCAS testing:

Greater Boston: ACCEPT Collaborative forwarded some issues about online testing but the other collaboratives reported no issues with the proposal to provide online MCAS 2.0 testing for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

South: The collaboratives think they are ready but are not sure that the host districts, where the students will be taking the test, have the bandwidth to have all the students take the test at the same time. READS is concerned about test anxiety. The collaborative is not sure how students will respond to online testing. Cape Cod not sure whether it is going to apply for waiver. That collaborative is concerned about anxiety around online testing.

West: LPVEC is not sure whether the districts have the technological capacity.

North: SEEM has upgraded its bandwidth, but test anxiety is an issue.

Central: There haven't been any issues expressed about capacity, although some models of Chromebooks may not be up to spec.

Richard Murphy then provided the Treasurer's Report.

Other issues:

The board discussed the status of conversations with DSACs. Steve Theall will follow up and provide an update to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by A.M. Atallah