

MINUTES
MOEC Executive Board Meeting
November 3, 2008

In attendance: Robin Ahigian, Rose Marie Boniface, Anne Booth, Larry Carroll, Susan Cuoco Hassan, John Farrington, John Fletcher, Bob Gass, Beth Gonyea, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Marty Hanley, Richard Murphy, Susan Rees, Mike Savage, Joan Schuman, Nancy Sullivan, Steve Theall, Anita Woods, Dorsey Yearley

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

I. Energy Markets: An Assessment, Bob Patterson

Bob engaged the board in a discussion of opportunities in energy conservation, energy purchase, and green building development which they may wish to consider.

II. Capacity Building: A MOEC Response

The group discussed a draft of talking points that could turn into a MOEC white paper or op-ed. The group suggested additions to the draft.

The talking points:

- 1) Collaboratives enjoy the confidence and support of school districts across the Commonwealth.
- 2) Collaboratives already possess some of the capacity required to respond to underperforming school districts.
- 3) School districts gain necessary capacity without sacrificing autonomy and local control.
- 4) Collaboratives have proven records providing high quality, cost-efficient programs for more than 30 years.
- 5) Organizational issues are best addressed through collaborative practice rather than legislative and regulatory fiat.
- 6) Given the fiscal realities facing the Commonwealth, it makes prudent sense to take advantage of educational collaboratives that already exist.

The suggestions:

- 1) Both HEC and the Lighthouse group are writing white papers. The MOEC piece could work in conjunction with those.
- 2) Add a #7: Collaboratives know their districts better than an outside consultant. Collaboratives have often been around longer than the administrators in the member districts.
- 3) We need to back these claims up with data: update Craig Stanley's data, use data from MOEC survey, get quotes from people like Jay Sullivan and Glenn Koocher, use AESA's instrument for measuring quality of programs, Learning Lab study. (over, please)

- 4) Soften language: use words like “convener, “facilitator,” “sole negotiator.” Add to #6 that collaboratives are particularly good at bringing people together, because that’s the main business of the collaborative. But give compelling specifics: one person can do at a collaborative what six people are doing within a collaborative’s member schools.

III. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008 Executive Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Submitted by Caroline Sabin