

Minutes
MOEC Executive Board Meeting
November 14, 2016 at SMEC

Attendees: Liz McGonagle, Steve Theall, Catherine Cooper, Cathy Cummins, Cindy Landanno, Richard Murphy, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Casey Daigle-Matos of CES, Theresa Craig, Michelle Griffin of ESE, Chris Scott

The meeting began at 10:00 am with the Executive Director's Report. Steve Theall offered his congratulations to the executive directors who presented at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference on the Cape. Steve let the board know that plans for the AESA Regional Conference to be held in May in Lenox are moving along and that he will be meeting with Alice Peisch soon to review the status of House 457. Plans are also underway for the January MOEC General Meeting, with John D'Auria as keynote speaker on social-emotional learning. The Inclusive Practices Ambassador project is close to its 1,000 meeting target and the dates for the new Financial Leadership course will be announced soon.

John Phillipo, Executive Director of CELT, then spoke to the board. CELT (Center for Educational Leadership and Technology) and MASCD (Massachusetts Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development) are launching a Small/Rural School District Information Technology Consortium. The consortium will be focused on bringing world-class IT programs and services to the small/rural school districts in the state. CELT is reaching out to MOEC to let the board know about the opportunities that may be available with the consortium. Webinars have been developed to give the small/rural districts the information needed to decide whether to join the group.

Michelle Griffin of ESE then provided a report. She will be attending the next meeting of the Rural School Consortium, lead by Mohawk Trail superintendent Mike Buoniconti. She also let the board know that ELE monitoring for collaboratives will be postponed until the 2018-2019 school year. Sibel Hughes of Language Acquisition & Academic Achievement has expressed interest in attending a MOEC meeting to discuss ELE monitoring. Michelle also mentioned that three reports in EDWIN (EL327, PR600 and PE613) provide ELL history. Michelle suggested that MOEC invite a representative from EDWIN to attend another board meeting to provide an update on reporting.

The board then discussed the possibility of using a web-based conference tool for MOEC meetings. Members were asked to send Steve Theall information about tools they are using.

The board also discussed ways to increase marketing efforts to promote collaboratives. Steve Theall suggested that the board form a sub-committee on marketing. He will also ask ACCEPT Collaborative to share the results of its pro-bono consulting engagement with Harvard Business School Association of Boston's Community Action Partners (CAP).

The MCAS-Alt evaluation process was also discussed. Steve Theall will send an email to program leaders asking them to review MCAS-Alt and make recommendations. Richard Murphy offered to head up the review and come up with suggestions.

The minutes of the September board meeting were unanimously approved.

The board discussed the format for the January general meeting. Attendees will break into three or four discussion groups with guiding questions on social-emotional learning. Steve Theall asked that board members spread the word about the meeting and to bring staff members.

The Education Cooperative (TEC) is offering a 15 hour online course on social emotional learning. The course was developed by assistant superintendents. School districts can purchase a license for all staff or an individual could purchase the course for a small fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.