

Minutes MOEC Board Meeting - December 11, 2017 at READS Collaborative

Attendees: Steve Theall, Catherine Cooper, Cathy Lawson, Richard Murphy, Colleen Dolan, Cathy Cummins, Cathy Lawson, Bill Diehl, Cindy Landanno, Chris Scott, Theresa Craig

The meeting began at 10:05 am with the Executive Director's report. MOEC will promote the use of video conference calls for the board meetings. At the January general meeting, the membership will vote on amending the by-laws to allow participants who call or video conference into board meetings to be considered part of the quorum.

The board then discussed the draft of the MCAS participation report provided by Paulajo Gaines. The board will provide the following feedback to Paulajo: 1) Suggested change: remove county of residence. 2) Suggested change: add "placement type" as an additional category. 3) Question: is the report just a sample format and is actual reporting provided for 20 or more students?

The board then discussed the search process for the new MOEC Executive Director. The board will ask members at the January general membership meeting to express interest in being part of the search committee, with the goal of equal regional representation.

The board unanimously voted to endorse the Fair Share amendment and to inform the general membership of that support at the January 8 general membership meeting. After the January meeting, MOEC will publicly support the amendment.

The board then planned the structure of the January 8 general membership meeting. After the presentation from the Federation for Children with Special Needs, the membership will participate in a "Back to the Future" exercise to generate a vision of MOEC in 2023. After lunch, the board will facilitate a mini Edcamp, or "unconference."

Richard Murphy moved that MOEC renew its contract with O'Neill & Associates in December for an additional year. Bill Diehl seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Richard Murphy then provided a verbal treasurer's report. He also stated his intention to step down as treasurer when his board term ends in June.

Steve Theall noted that there will be some vacancies on the board and that the outgoing president has typically solicited the membership to find those interested in being nominated for the board and as regional representatives. This has usually occurred from February until April. The slate is then presented at the April board meeting and then voted at the May annual meeting.

At the February board meeting, the board will discuss how to distribute funds from the ESE contract for regional special education leader meetings.

The minutes of the November 2017 board meeting were unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm