

MOEC April Board Meeting Notes
April 11, 2022
Zoom Video Conference

Attendees: Joanne Haley Sullivan, Liz McGonagle, Fran Rosenberg, Chris Scott, Theresa Craig, Arnold Lundwall, Jacki Clark, Jennifer Gates, Catherine Cooper, Roland Joyal, Clarice Doliber, Rick Reino, Kim Oliveria, Donna Flaherty, Sanchita Banerjee, Karen Brann

Liz McGonagle opened the meeting at 11:20AM.

Approval of the March Meeting Minutes ([FOLDER 1](#))

Catherine Cooper made a motion that the draft minutes of the March 7th meeting be accepted as presented. Fran Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Joanne Haley Sullivan welcomed North River Collaborative, Acting Director Clarice Doliber to the meeting.

Job-alike meetings. This month, the Business Leaders heard from Jay Sullivan who spoke about collaborative credits to districts and Circuit Breaker reimbursements. We also took the opportunity to thank Jay for his help with the reimbursements for Pandemic spending and he reminded everyone to have easily accessible accounting of those funds.

Data Specialists and Transportation Leaders Job-Alike groups also met this month.

In the Special Education Program Leaders meeting, there was much discussion about the changing nature of therapeutic programs and that time was needed to rethink student needs and how best to address them. We discussed the possibility of offering a Leadership Academy to teams from therapeutic schools designed to lead them to a renewal of their values and goals and then to help them determine how they may wish to revise their therapeutic/intervention model.

Based on the conversation, Joanne later discussed the possibility of offering this type of Leadership Academy with the PD Job-Alike group. Several members volunteered to assist in planning an Academy with varying areas of expertise among them.

Fran Rosenberg supports the idea of a Leadership Academy and believes that across the collaboratives we could find a strong facilitator. Fran would like to be part of the planning process.

Theresa Craig has recently contracted with an outside facilitator for her collaborative to address these issues and supports this MOEC initiative.

Jacki Clark and Liz McGonagle support his initiative as well.

Joanne will bring this to the PD Committee and the Finance Committee for future discussion.

Possible Curriculum Task Force

The Board considered forming a curriculum task force of interested Collaborative Directors to set out some action steps that we can take as a group to identify what is currently in place, what research based materials exist that are tied to classroom practice designed to address the needs of these learners, and what adjustments might be needed to enhance our practice in these programs. It was agreed that a voluntary task force would be formed in FY23.

SDRS Grant Discussion

TEC, CES, and READS were represented at a recent discussion about this grant. The model is self-taught and includes strategies to improve their writing. Writing is as important to literacy as reading. These strategies can be incorporated into any curriculum as it is a strategy, not a curriculum. This is a federally funded program.

Discussion with DESE about Students who turned 22 during the COVID-19 State of Emergency

Chris Scott, Catherine Cooper, Jackie Clark, and Joanne met with Russell Johnston, Jamie Camancho and Nina Marchese to discuss funds from the legislature to support students who turned 22 during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and require additional services to compensate for learning loss.

Karen Brann shared an update from the March 25th meeting regarding the compensatory funds available for any student who turns 22 from March of 2020 through September 1, 2023. This is a large group of almost 2000 students as identified by DESE. There may be students who do not wish to participate in the program as they may be in college and/or already employed. DESE is working to determine how and who will reach out to these eligible students. There is a small internal-DESE working group focused on this.

MOEC Collaborative Communication Strategy

Joanne reminded the Board that we have contracted with John Guilfoil Public Relations Firm to create a series of stories and articles highlighting the good work of collaboratives. These brief stories will be published to the MOEC and individual collaborative websites, and shared to a variety of social and print media outlets as possible.

Our first article was announcing the SCRO Symposium and can be found on the MOEC Website [here](#). The second article ([link](#)) was about a St. Patrick Day Luncheon for Senior Citizens served by TEC students.

Executive Director Evaluation

The Executive Committee has completed their annual [evaluation of the Executive Director](#). The results were reviewed by Liz.

One highlight from the evaluation was: “Joanne Haley Sullivan is an exceptional leader who has steadfastly guided MOEC through a second year of a global pandemic. She has been a beacon, lighting the way through turbulent times by utilizing her outstanding communication skills and unrelenting advocacy for the important programs and services provided by collaboratives across Massachusetts. The Executive Board agrees that Joanne is always thinking of how to make things better for directors even before we ask! “

Theresa made a motion to accept evaluation as written. Catherine Cooper seconded the motion. The evaluation was accepted unanimously.

FY23 MOEC Budget

The Finance Committee has prepared the proposed [FY23 MOEC Budget](#). Chris Scott presented the budget for Board review prior to presenting at the May General Membership meeting for adoption.

Theresa Craig made a motion that the FY23 Budget be approved as presented for final acceptance by the general membership in the total amount of \$211,984. Jacki Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As part of the budget presentation, the proposed Dues Tiers Restructuring that has been approved by the Finance Committee to support the budget beyond FY23.

Jacki Clark made a motion that the FY23 Budget Proposed Dues Tiers Restructuring be approved as presented (or revised) for final acceptance by the general membership. Arnold Lundwall seconded the motion.

Treasurer’s Report

Chris Scott reviewed the [Treasurer's Report](#) for the Board.

Catherine Cooper made a motion that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented. Fran Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2022 MASC and M.A.S.S Annual Joint Conference is planned for Wednesday November 2, 2022 through Saturday November 5, 2022, at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis. The General Conference Theme is *Promoting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Creating the Narrative to Define the Message*.

At MASS/MASC attendees will have a “banner” on their name tags if they serve on collaborative boards to help raise awareness for MOEC.

Committee Updates

- Liz McGonagle provided a brief update about the efforts of the Professional Development Committee. A session addressing Fraud Awareness was suggested as a beneficial

professional development offering to all Executive Directors in the fall. There will not be a Professional Development session at CREST this May.

- [Legislative Committee](#) - Catherine Cooper shared a brief update on the ARPA funding and creating a possible survey for participants.
- By-Laws Committee - Joanne shared that there is a need to schedule a meeting for the summer but first, need members on the by-laws committee. After elections, committees will be formed.
- Regional Liaison Representatives
 - Meeting with the Commissioner on April 12.
 - Meetings or other issues of note in the regions.
- Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee is pleased there is a complete slate of candidates for the upcoming Board. Nominees are: Theresa Craig (President), Fran Rosenberg (Vice President), Roland Joyal (Secretary), Chris Scott (Treasurer, continuing), Arnold Lundwall and Cathy Lawson were nominated for AESA Liaison, Liz McGonagle will move into the role of Past President. Jacki Clark is retiring later this year and as a result, the Greater Boston Regional Rep will be Donna Flaherty who will fill the remaining year on Jacki’s term beginning in July.
- BirCH Project - **B**ehavioral health **i**ntegrated **r**esources for **ch**ildren. Fran Rosenberg shared that she is representing MOEC on an advisory board for the BirCH Project. They’ve received funds to expand and create a support system for districts on behavioral health.

Planning for May General Membership Meeting

- Approve MOEC FY23 Budget
- Recognition of members who are leaving
- Commissioner Riley
- Annual report to the membership
 - Slide from each committee will be built into the annual report.
- Executive Director Evaluation
- Election of new officers

Meeting adjourned at 1:10PM.