

Executive Committee Meeting

Summary

August 26, 2022

LEARN, Room 216

44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme

Also offered remotely

Present: Craig Esposito; Chair, Robert Mitchell; Fiscal Officer, Rita Volkmann; Secretary Katherine Ericson; LEARN Executive Director, Maryann O'Donnell; Superintendent, Clinton Public Schools,

Not in attendance: Aaron Daniels; Vice Chair, Cynthia Ritchie; Superintendent, New London Public Schools

Meeting began: 8:35am

Agenda

1.0 Review of September agenda

2.0 Summer Recap

Kate Ericson provided a summary of the work that has been going on across the agency. Most notably, LEARN has been in on-going conversation with the Haddam Town Planner regarding the Haddam Elementary School. The building has the potential to be the next site where LEARN expands its regional diagnostic/outplacement programs. We currently are waiting for information regarding construction and system upgrades estimates. The Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy building project has been steadily progressing. Phase I of the project will be ready for the September 6th opening of school.

3.0 Staffing update

Over the summer LEARN has hired 75 new staff members (61 certified; 14 non-certified). Currently we have over 50 positions open with the majority of them being non-certified.

4.0 Memorandum of Agreement- Admin union salary scale adjustments

Ms. Ericson and the LEARN Administrator's union discussed the discrepancy in the salary scale for the 2 admin positions that supervise and operate LEARN's outplacement program. After comparative analysis of the position across RESCs, LEARN and the LAO composed an MOA that revise the salary scales for the Director and Assistant Director of Specialized Programs.

Motion to approve: Bob Mitchell, seconded Craig Esposito Motion Approved 3-0

5.0 The Friendship School traffic updates

Ms. Ericson informed the Executive committee of the on-going discussions between the Waterford Selectman, Waterford Police Chief, and the Waterford Superintendent of Schools. The goal of the discussion was to address the safety issues surrounding the traffic backup at The Friendship School. As a result of the discussions, LEARN agreed to use a shuttle bus to reduce the number of families needing to come to the school. LEARN purchased speed bumps that will be installed on the access road off of Miner Road to slow down traffic and increase overall safety. LEARN has also reduced the number of students enrolled at the school. This will create a deficit of over \$150,000.

6.0 Hatchetts Hill roof project update

Due to the delay in products, the roofing project that was approved last year was started two weeks ago. A new roof has been installed at Hatchetts Hill. The HVAC units will be scheduled for installation in the upcoming weeks.

7.0 Technology Consortium update

Ms. Ericson is happy to report that the technology services division of the agency is expanding. Last year, LEARN ended the year with 4 small districts in the region taking advantage of our services. This year, LEARN has added an additional contract with New London Public Schools to provide 24/7 networking and server management.

8.0 Igniting Change Conference

Ms. Ericson shared that last Spring, RESC Alliance Executive Directors collectively charged our professional learning staff with designing a learning opportunity for all CT teachers/districts for this school year. They have created a dynamic learning series that brings in National experts, and opportunities for educators to engage in professional learning, communities of practice, and on-site coaching

9.0 Electronic Vehicle Charging Stations

Ms. Ericson is partnering with a program called ACES Up. ACES, a sister RESC that serves the greater New Haven County. The program partners with DAISY Solutions to support the expansion of electronic charging stations across the region. Daisy Solutions will write the DEEP grant to for installation of two units that house two stations per unit. Then Daisy Solutions will submit an application to EVERSOURCE to cover additional installation costs. At the end of the day, a district or municipality will not pay any fees for the full installation of charging stations. LEARN will be erecting stations at Hatchetts Hill, The Ocean Avenue LEARNing Center, Regional Multicultural Magnet School, and Marine Science Magnet High School.

10.0 Coast Guard Museum Partnership

Ms. Ericson informed the Executive Committee that LEARN has been approached by the National Coast Guard Museum Association with an opportunity to create a Detail Design for the educational component of the museum experience. The Detail Design is really a Framework for connecting educational standards/competencies to the museum experience.

11.0 MSAP Application

LEARN is actively working with the Office of Civil Rights to answer questions regarding our grant application.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:57 am