

Non Public School Advisory Council (NPSAC) Meeting October 17, 2014 Minutes

Members Present: William Bennett, Kent Bicknell, Lisa Braiterman, Judy Fillion, Fr. John Fortin, Linda Johnson, Rick Johnson, Lyn Kutzelman, Gregg Magoon, Eileen Mullen, David Parker, Patricia Tilley,

Members/Staff Absent: Doug Cummings, Claire Doody, Terry Hannigan, Deborah Krajcik, Claire Pstragowski , Trudy Wright

Staff Present: Tim Carney, Janelle Cotnoir, Lisa Kaim, Ron Leclerc, Jane Levesque

Guests Present: Kate Baker, Network for Educational Opportunity; Christina Adamski, DHHS

Members and staff introduced themselves

Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman

Motion made to nominate Lisa Braiterman by acting chair Linda Johnson;
Seconded by Kent Bicknell.
Resume, qualifications were read by Linda Johnson.
Motion passed, with no opposition.

Motion made to nominate Linda Johnson to be vice chair:
Bill Bennett so moved.
Lisa Braiterman seconded.
Lyn Kutzelman read her qualifications.
Motion passed, with no opposition.

NPSAC Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2014 Approval Motion
Bill Bennett moved to accept
Rick Johnson seconded
Motion approved

Update on School Bus and School Driver Training

School bus safety discussion ensued. Discussion included:
Driver training, MFSABMulti Function School Activity Buses
Base standard template for safe vehicles, background checks,
Issue: concern about church groups using non maintained buses converted for private use.

David Parker will report back on this issue at December meeting.
Council Membership - Opening for Public School Official

Vacant Council Seats

Sole Applicant – Matthew Hicks
Motion to nominate by Patricia Tilley
Kent Bicknell seconded

Discussion ensued

The following issues were discussed:
Need for representation from another area of the state
Boarding and Day school not represented
Christian Schools not represented

Public School opening on Council
Committee formed to research/recruit applicants and look at Matthew Hick's application

Applications for accreditation for AdvanceED and Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Discussion ensued. Committee formed to read applications and make informed recommendation to the Council at the December meeting; possibly inviting one or both of the agencies to attend next meeting and answer any concerns.

Committee members:

Fr. John Fortin
William Bennett
Rick Johnson

On Line Programs www.gouspa.org

Discussion ensued;

Concerns include:

Online Committee was formed to discuss this further.

Online Committee members:

Judith Fillion
Eileen Mullen
Linda Johnson

Comprehensive Emergency Management Planning for Schools – Tim Carney

Discussed a federal grant received, 18 month grant for Emergency Plan implementation with the following elements:

Database
Homeland Security
Develop template for schools
5 schools for training

Fairpoint strike might affect state business/will send fact sheet out to nonpublic schools.

Christine Adamski presented on infectious diseases and State protocol

Risk messages remain the same. Healthwork advisory sent out to all.

DHHS website guidelines on enterovirus, EEE, Ebola, flu, prevention measures were discussed.

Update on Business Tax Credit Scholarships

Kate Baker gave an overview of this program.

Background Checks for Youth Skill Camp Owners, Employees, and Volunteers

DOE investigator Rich Farrell will be at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 12:15 pm

Future Meetings:

December 12, 2014, February 13, 2015, April 10, 2015