

Home Education Advisory Council
Minutes - May 13, 2014

Note: the April meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Chairman Amy Gall called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:40 PM in Room 12 at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, in Concord.

Members Present: Amy Gall, Christine Mukai, Marc Boyd, Heather Wheeler, Roberta Tenney, George D’Orazio, David Menard, Dennis Wyman.

Minutes: The Council accepted the minutes of the March 21, 2014 meeting by general consent.

Chairman’s Report:

- Mary Mayo indicated to Amy that the newly revised ED315 should be published today or tomorrow.
- Pat Butler has forwarded the draft regarding high school graduation credentials for home educated students to the DOE attorney for review.
- Amy has contacted Keith Pfeifer in regards to whether he will remain on the Council or be succeeded by a new appointee.
- Dennis Wyman will be stepping down at the end of this year’s term.
- Dr. Fillion is still working on the problem of form A12E (pertaining to reporting the number of homeschooled students in a district). Because there no longer seems to be a need for it due to changes in funding formulas, the form may be discontinued entirely.
- Amy reported on an income-based waiver for IB and AP testing fees available to home educated students

Department of Education Report:

Roberta reported that the Commissioner and Dr. Fillion are concerned about the lack of verifiable numbers of homeschooled students in NH. She questioned whether or not the word “commence” in the notification section of the law could be interpreted to mean annual notification. Roberta is concerned about some schools using the laidback homeschool law to “push out” problem students. On a happy note, she reported that a NH homeschooled student has been named as a Presidential Scholar.

Old Business:

There was no old business that was not covered in the above referenced reports.

New Business:

- A questionnaire regarding the most convenient Council meeting times will be sent to the members.
- George was asked to offer congratulations from the Council to Anna DeLoi for her Presidential Scholarship.

Next Meeting:

The next HEAC meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.