

April 23rd, 2019 - EASTCONN Executive Committee Meeting held at the EASTCONN Central Office, 376 Hartford Turnpike (Route 6) in Hampton, CT.

Present:

Herb Arico, Willington

Amy Blank, Union

Anne Stearns, Scotland

Katherine Paulhus, Mansfield

Velerie May, Pomfret

Joan Trivella, Brooklyn

Maryellen Donnelly, Hampton

Judy Benson-Clarke, Region #8

EASTCONN Staff Present: Gary Mala, Carol Klemyk, Teddie Sleight, Ann Milette, Melanie Marcaccio, Diane Gozemba, John Baskowski, Jen Miles, Don Skewes, Heather Plourde, Diane Dugas, Scott Nierendorf, Kristin Hempel

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Herb Arico.

2. Approval of minutes:

MOTION: Anne Stearns moved to approve the minutes of the March 2019 meeting

SECOND: Joan Trivella

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Additions to the Agenda: None

4. Audience with Citizens: None

5. EASTCONN Excellence Awards - Support Staff

6. Correspondence: None

7. Policy Committee updates -- almost done with 5000 series will move on to 6000 series soon

8. Approval of Policies: (first read presented in March):

5131.6/5131.62/5131.7/5131.8/5131.9/5131.91/5132/5134/5141.22/5141.24/5141.3/5141.6

MOTION: Joan Trivella moved to approve the amended policies as presented

SECOND: Anne Stearns

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

9. Finance Committee updates - meeting in the next few weeks - 2018-2019 budget discussion and review followed

10. Facilities Committee - newly formed committee - will schedule a meeting date soon - re: leases, purchases and acquisitions for the Agency

11. Old Business:

Head Start Updates:

Financial/Attendance/Enrollment/Meals: Reviewed and discussion followed.

Family Goal Report - establishment and progression of goals. There is an increase in goals for families. Goal Topics include: Health, Parenting Skills, Home Environment and Child Development .

Family Goals Setting:

- Educate parents on developmental milestones
- Access children for atypical development
- Provide information on resources
- Connect families with communities
- Support parent-child social emotional relationships
- Encourage parent-directed child learning

Policy Council Focus Groups:

- Active involvement of parents in program operations
- Responsive to community and parent needs
- Program is delivering quality services
- Participate in the Direction of the program
- Role in the budget process

12. New Business

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Mala reviewed and highlighted key points:

Updates Included:

Carlee Drummer is retiring effective July 1st

Legislative Update:

Executive Director Mala led the discussion around the RESC Alliance

Legislative Priorities - some highlights:

This administration is fixated on using RESC's in a different way

Meeting with OPM Secretary

Personnel Report:

- Review and discussion around the hiring of new employees
- Discussed the platform HANDSHAKE - recruitment through colleges
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CABE Training - discussion

13. Approval of 2019-2020 Budget:

MOTION: Joan Trivella moved to approve EASTCONN's 2019-2020 budget as presented - \$31,849,864

SECOND: Maryellen Donnelly

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

14. Appoint Audit Firm:

MOTION: Joan Trivella moved to appoint Blum Shapiro as the Audit Firm for EASTCONN for 2019-2020

SECOND: Katherine Paulhus

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

15. Approve Healthy Food Option #1 for 2019-2020:

Healthy Food Option: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups

MOTION: Mary Ellen Donnelly moved to approve the Healthy Food Option #1 as presented
SECOND: Joan Trivella
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

16. Approve Exemption for Food Items and Beverages #2 for 2019-2020:

Food exemptions: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not.

The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

Exemptions for beverages: The board of education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

MOTION: Joan Trivella moved to approve the Exemption for Food Items and Beverages #2 as presented
SECOND: Valerie May
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

17. Approve Adjustment of required total of credits to 23 for EASTCONN Adult High School Diploma:

MOTION: Joan Trivella moved to approve the adjustment of credits for EASTCONN Adult High School Diploma as presented
SECOND: Valerie May
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

18. Approve the Health/Diabetes Policy for Head Start as presented:

MOTION: Joan Trivella moved to approve the Health/Diabetes Policy for Head Start as presented
SECOND: Maryellen Donnelly
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

19. MOTION:

Herb Arico moved to enter into Executive Session at 4:48 pm with Gary Mala, Executive Director, Melanie Marcaccio, Director of Human Services and Attorney Zelman to discuss Attorney/Client Communications

SECOND: Katherine Paulhus
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:38 pm

20. Adjournment:

MOTION: Herb Arico moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm
SECOND: Valerie May
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Klemyk
Executive Assistant

Approval of First Read of Amended Policies:

5131.6	Alcohol Use, Drugs, Tobacco
5131.62	Steroid Use
5131.7	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
5131.8	Out of School Misconduct
5131.9	Gang Activity or Association
5131.91	Conduct - Hazing
5132	Dress and Grooming
5134	Married/Pregnant Students
5136	Foreign Students Attending Schools
5141.22	Communicable and Infectious Diseases
5141.24	Students/Staff with HIV, ARC or AIDS
5141.3	Health Assessments and Immunizations
5141.6	Crisis Response/Crisis Management Plan