

## LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Meeting

September 27, 2019

### LEARN

44 Hatchedts Hill Road

Old Lyme, CT 06371

### MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Craig Esposito, Stonington; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Kate Ericson, Executive Director; Cynthia Ritchie, New London Superintendent

Not Attending: Rita Volkman, Groton; Paul Freeman, Guilford Superintendent

Guests: Mike Belden

#### Called to order: 8:35 a.m.

1.0 Review of the October Agenda

2.0 Update on LEARN Initiatives

- Literacy: Team met Sept. 24, 2019. Working on identifying data for analysis.
- Numeracy- Team met Sept. 17, 2019. Team comprised of principals, coaches, system developers and have identified key data and protocols to be utilized.
- Social Emotional Learning: Shifted meeting date.
- Organizational Excellence: Kate Ericson stated that the team has met three times already and are working to create a definition of operation excellence. Furthermore, they are building development plans that outline their department initiatives that will increase the skills and knowledge of their respective teams, and allow LEARN to turnkey the practice to the region.
- Equity Leadership Teams: Equity Leadership program will begin October 1, 2019. LEARN has contracted out with Harvard University's Reimagining Integration Diverse and Equitable Schools (**RIDES Improvement Cycle for Equity**). Dr. Lee Teitel will be leading school and central office teams through a 5 days process to build a continuous improvement cycle that allows participants to plan and implement small, specific gains in areas that they choose are important.

3.0 Update on Advocacy Work

Kate Ericson updated Executive Committee on LEARN's advocacy work. Chris Soto, Governor Lamont's legislative liaison, toured the Ocean Avenue Learning Academy to see prime examples of regionalism programs that provide public education programs for students with intensive complex needs. RESC Executive Directors' have been building a collective platform to bring to the Governor's staff meeting on October 4, 2019 that will highlight regional opportunities that would benefit from innovation funding.

4.0 Draft of revised monthly budget report - CFO, Michael Belden

Michael Belden presented a new draft budget report to the Executive Committee that highlights current year to date revenues, expenditures. The finances were reported by Departments and Programs, Magnet Schools, and Funds Held for others (non-operating). The second page provided a comparative analysis to the prior year to date actuals. The Executive Committee made suggestions for the report to highlight anomalies in the budget and include a short narrative to explain the anomaly.

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

**by Esposito, second by Barmasse**

**Motion Passed 3-0**

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**Called to Order: 9:35 a.m.**

1.0 Review of the Revenue and Expense Report:

990 501(c) (3) activity for 2018-2019 the LEARN Project (included in packet)

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:41 a.m. by Barmasse, second by Esposito**

**Motion Passed: 3-0**