



LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Summary

August 28, 2020

8:30-10:00

Zoom login information below

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Attendees: Craig Esposito, Stonington, Rita Volkmann, Groton, Superintendent Cynthia Ritchie, New London Public Schools, Kate Ericson, LEARN Executive Director

Absent: Tim Hagen, East Lyme, Bob Mitchell, Montville, Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Clinton Public Schools

Guests:

Start of Meeting: 8:37am

- 1.0 Review September Agenda
 - 1.1 Mrs. Ericson reviewed the draft agenda. Executive Committee agreed to continue with zoom format for future board meetings and revisit on a month- to- month basis.

- 2.0 Discussion Reopening Plan
 - 2.1 Mrs. Ericson provided the Executive Committee with an overview of LEARN's reopening status. Deputy Executive Director, Bridgette Gordon Hickey and Associate Executive Director, Dr. Ryan Donlon, LEARN's Covid Compliance Liaison, have been leading teams to prepare for the opening of school.
 - 2.2 Teachers returned to school August 28, 2020.
 - 2.3 LEARN's Virtual Convocation is scheduled for August 31, 2020.

- 3.0 Recommendation for appointment of Administrators
 - 3.1 Interim Special Education Supervisor—LEARN magnet schools: Riverside Magnet School & CT River Academy on the East Hartford campus of Goodwin University

Motion to Approve Appointment of Jen Cimmino to Interim Special Education Supervisor by Craig Esposito, second by Rita Volkmann

Motion approved unanimously

- 4.0 Human Resources Overview
 - 4.1 Mrs. Ericson provided the board with a summary of the Human Resources Department "Covid Conversations" with LEARN employees that have taken place since mid-July regarding concerns surrounding the pandemic and returning to work. In total, 137 staff reached



out to Human Resources. LEARN has worked to accommodate staff during the pandemic to ensure a successful opening of the school year.

5.0 Budget Overview

5.1 Mrs. Ericson shared that the state has provided LEARN with two sources of funding; the CARES ACT (a total of \$317,000) and the Covid Relief Fund (a total of \$1.2 million). The funds will be used to pay for PPE, technology equipment, academic support, and professional learning.

6.0 Change in Eastern Connecticut Health & Medical Cooperative (ECHMC) board membership due to upcoming vacancy of Nat Brown

Motion to Appoint Michael Belden as a member of the ECHMC Board representing LEARN by Craig Esposito, second by Rita Volkmann.

Motion approved unanimously

7.0 Discussion of Future Agenda Items for 2020-2019