

LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 26, 2021

8:30-10:00

Virtual meeting via Zoom: login information below

LEARN

Present: Craig Esposito; Chair, Tim Hagen; Vice Chair, Rita Volkmann; Secretary, Robert Mitchell; Fiscal Officer Katherine Ericson; LEARN Executive Director, Maryann O'Donnell; Clinton Superintendent of Schools, Cynthia Ritchie; New London Superintendent of Schools

Meeting began at 8:36a.m.

Agenda

1. Review April Agenda
2. MSAP Bid Waiver—UCLA Researchers
Motion to waive the bidding requirements under LEARN Policy 3323 for the Research/Rigorous Evaluation services component of US Dept of Education funded EXPECT project.

Motion to accept the bid waiver as presented by B. Mitchell Seconded by R. Volkmann

Motion Passed: 4-0

3. Governors' LEAP Program
Learner Engagement and Attendance Program is funded out of Governor Lamont's office. The RESC Alliance has been tasked with supporting 15 districts across the state with the highest numbers of disengaged students. The goals of the program are to immediately bring students back to school, support a bridge programs for students over the summer, as well as create a sense of belonging as students enter school in the Fall. LEARN will be partner with Norwich and New London on this project.
4. ESSER Funding Update
Kate Ericson updated the Executive Committee on LEARN's process of spending their 1.4 million dollar amount of federal funding.
5. Thoughtexchange—Business Model
LEARN is starting to generate customers for the Thoughtexchange tool. Kate Ericson informed the Executive Committee that two districts have purchased the product from LEARN, to date.
6. Hatched Hill updates
Kate Ericson communicated to the Executive Committee that another theft of a catalytic converter had taken place on LEARN property. A chain link fence, high resolution cameras, and additional cameras will be installed in an effort to stop the thefts.
7. Student Support Services Leadership Discussion
Kate Ericson shared with the Board the increase in state contract work for the RESC Alliance. All the additional work will require LEARN to expand the number of administrators in the Student Support Services Department. Kate will be coming to the Board with a new Organizational Chart to represent the leadership shifts in the upcoming months.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:48a.m.