

LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

March 22, 2024

8:30-10:00

Room 216

LEARN

44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme

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Present: Bob Mitchell, Chair; Dale Bernardoni, Fiscal Agent, Craig Esposito, Ex-Officio; Jen Favalora, Secretary, Kate Ericson, Executive Director, Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent Clinton; Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent New London

Begin:8:32am

Motion to add two items to the agenda: The Appointment of two Goodwin Administrator Positions to the agenda. Bob Mitchell, seconded Craig Esposito Motion approved. 4-0

1.0 Review of April Agenda

2.0 Update on 51 Daniels Avenue

The state priority school building list has been approved by the Education Committee and sent to the full legislature for a final vote. Upon the Governor's signature the process will be finalized. Kate Ericson informed the Executive Committee that Benesch is completing the survey of the property by next week. Upon completion LEARN will use the property survey to carve LEARN's 15.36 acres of property from the original 19.9 acre lot. It is expected that LEARN will finalize the property lines with the Town of Waterford, as part of the sale agreement. In an effort to prepare for the \$95 million building project, LEARN has hired a newly retired business manager to head up the building project.

3.0 Update on ACES International Update

Kate Ericson is excited to see the partnership with ACES International continue to grow and expand. This year, MSHMS welcomed its first ever Chinese Exchange student. Next year, LEARN is in conversation with a specific school in China to create an exclusive student exchange partnership. This Summer, Marine Science will be hosting 40 Chinese students for a two-week summer program. In January 2025, students from Three Rivers Middle College and Marine Science Magnet High School will be heading to Spain from January 6-17th trip. The cost is \$4,100 per student. Schools have begun fundraising to support every student who wants to attend.

4.0 Magnet School Assistance Program

On Friday, March 15, the US Department of Education just announced another round of MSAP funding. LEARN is looking to collaborate with New London Public Schools to request \$15 million for the next 5 years. The application submission date is May 13, 2024.

5.0 Food Service Management RFP:

LEARN has posted a new RFP for a food management company. This was necessary due to the fact LEARN will no longer be engaged in an Interschool Agreement with Goodwin Magnet Schools.

6.0 Transition Academy Renovation Update

Noble construction has completed 60% of the renovation to date. Painting and flooring are the next projects on the list. The SSS staff is working with a furniture company to select furnishing to accommodate the students who will be moved to Penn Avenue. At this time, we are on track for a July 1 ESY programming.

7.0 Infant/Toddler Program

LEARN has collaborated with our architects to reduce our program from four classrooms to two classrooms to minimize the amount of construction that is needed to comply with permitting laws.

- 8.0 The Appointment of the Goodwin Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Daniel Moleti, at a salary of \$185,000
Motion to Approve Bob Mitchell, seconded, Jenn Favalora. Motion Approved 4-0
- 9.0 Adjournment @ 9:25am