

Maine Learning Innovations

Minutes for a Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 16, 2016

Pursuant to email and public website notices, a meeting of the Board of Maine Learning Innovations was convened by Secretary Peter Mills in the MEVA Conference room in Augusta at 2:00 PM. Attending were Directors Amy Carlisle (by Skype), Peter Mills, Ed LeBlanc, and Donna Madore. Absent was Kevin Pomerleau. Also present were: Melinda Browne, Jennifer Hight and Kim Whitman from staff; Sarah Berger, Mary Markert, Christine Tarrago, and Patty Ashleigh from K-12; and Bill Neves, independent educational consultant.

Minutes of the meeting of July 19 were unanimously approved.

Committees

After discussion about forming a Career & Technical Education Committee with opportunities for business internships, it was agreed to ask the following people to help: Donna Madore, Peter Mills, Ed LeBlanc, and Tim Walton.

Student Parent Handbook

After discussion of the Student Parent Handbook, it was unanimously resolved to circulate the handbook as amended to date, subject to later review and possible amendment on issues relating to minimum graduation requirements. MeVA strongly recommends that its students take 24 credits to graduate while the state minimum is 17.5 credits. We at MeVA recommend three sciences but the state requires only two. Donna pointed out that HiSET cannot be accessed until the student is 18. We should specify that students need four full years of high school to graduate.

Financial Matters

Jennifer reported that we are still working on final numbers for year end. We received \$30K in Title I money on August 9. We have \$15K in carry over from the year just closed. We need to prepare personal activity reports. Local entitlement has been invoiced \$52K. It appears that we will receive \$288K as our initial monthly stipend for the coming year until the October 1 student census.

Auditors are coming at the end of September.

It was difficult to enter all new payroll. Tanya and Kim worked on it.

Head of School Report

By the end of third year, we need to complete a third party evaluation. Bill Nave presented his perspective and posed a number of questions about he may help to conduct a meaningful review.

Because we have lost a history teacher and our physics teacher, we will fill in with Instructional Support Teachers (IST) available from K-12.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Mills, Secretary