

DRAFT Minutes of Prekindergarten-16 Council meeting

Date: January 29, 2018, 9:00 AM - 11:30 PM, Room 10, State House

Members in Attendance

Scott Giles, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, Chair
Heather Bouchey, Vermont Agency of Education
Representative Kevin “Coach” Christie
Tricia Coates, Vermont State Colleges
Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association
Cara Medved, Vermont National Education Association (designee for Karen Heath)
Holly Morehouse, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.
Jay Nichols, Vermont Principals’ Association
Susan Stitely, Association of Vermont Independent Colleges
Lisa Ventriss, Vermont Business Roundtable

Members Absent

Senator Philip Baruth
Lynn Coale, Vermont Association of Career and Technical Education Directors
Dan Daley, Vermont State Colleges, FFAFT-VT
Carlen Finn, Voices for Vermont’s Children
Wendy Koenig, University of Vermont
Ethan Latour, Agency of Administration
Sarah Squirrell, Building Bright Futures

Also in Attendance

Sabina Haskell, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
Marjorie Zunder, Vermont Legislative Council

Topics Discussed

- Chair Giles opened the meeting at ~9:00 AM and recapped previous meetings
- Possible Council projects: dual enrollment, early college, personalized learning plans, career and technical education (CTE), longitudinal data, proficiency-based graduation requirements and coordination with HE
- Other possibilities discussed: equity and access, consistent CTE transcript credits
- Council agreed to pursue work groups on dual enrollment and career/technical education. Chair Giles will work with Council members to refine and frame the policy issues and questions related to Dual Enrollment/Early College and CTE for consideration by the full Council.
 - Dual enrollment: Chair Giles will convene a call with Tricia Coates, Heather Bouchey, Susan Stitely, Wendy Koenig, to develop a proposal for consideration by the Council at the next meeting. Any members interested in participating in this call are welcome to do so and should contact the Chair.
 - CTE: Chair Giles will convene a call with Jeff Francis, Heather Bouchey, and Lisa Ventriss to develop a proposal for consideration by the Council at the next meeting. Any council members interested in participating in this call are welcome to do so and should contact the Chair.
- Future testimony before the Council:

- Council members noted that there is good and important work being done by AOE and other agencies with regard to many of the topics the Council identified for possible review. It was agreed that staff from AOE would be invited to present the current state of the implementation of the policies related to Dual Enrollment/Early College, Personalized Learning Plans, CTE, longitudinal data, and proficiency-based graduation requirements. These presentations will inform Council deliberations over its priorities for the coming year.
- The Council discussed who should be invited to present and participate in a discussion of dual enrollment/early college. It was decided that a systems approach should be adopted for the panels—include students, teachers, counselors, school leaders from the same system on each panel so that they can respond to each other’s observations and testimony. It was also agreed that at least one panel needed to reflect the challenges of rural communities.
- Next steps: circulate to the Council broadly stated categories for future projects, next meeting scheduling, appointment of new Council chair for January 2019.
- Adjourn at 10:55 AM

Motions No motions were made.

Minutes prepared by Marjorie Zunder, Legislative Council