

DRAFT Minutes of Prekindergarten-16 Council meeting

Date: December 14, 2015, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Ethan Allen Room

Members in Attendance

Scott Giles, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, Chair
Tricia Coates, Vermont State Colleges
Lynn Coale, Vermont Association of Career and Technical Education Directors
Cynthia Greene, Building Bright Futures
Karen Heath, Vermont National Education Association
Kimberly Jessup, Assn of Vermont Independent Colleges (designee for Susan Stitely)
Wendy Koenig, University of Vermont
Michele Kupersmith, Vermont Department of Labor
Holly Morehouse, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.
Dawn Moskowitz, Voices for Vermont's Children
James Pepper, Office of the Governor (designee for Justin Johnson)
Lisa Ventriss, Vermont Business Roundtable

Members Absent

Heather Bouchey, Vermont Agency of Education
Senator Brian Campion
Representative Kevin "Coach" Christie
Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association
Justin Johnson, Agency of Administration
Andrew Myrick, Vermont State Colleges, FFAFT-VT
Susan Stitely, Association of Vermont Independent Colleges

Also in Attendance:

Barbara Benedict, McClure Foundation
Ginny Burley, ELO Working Group
Jim Fitzpatrick, ELO Working Group
Sabina Haskell, VSAC
Tom Little, VSAC
Rep. Ann Manwaring, ELO Working Group
Janet McLaughlin, Vermont Community Foundation
Katie Mobley, ELO Working Group
Barbara Russ, ELO Working Group
Amy Shollenberger, Vermont Afterschool, Inc., AFT-VT
Charles Storrow, KSE Partners
Sarah Teel, ELO Working Group
Jonathan Wolff, Primmer Piper Eggleston and Cramer
Marjorie Zunder, Vermont Legislative Council

Topics Discussed

- Approval of minutes
- Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) final report – presented by Holly Morehouse, Working Group Chair (link to presentation on Council web page)
- Higher Education Subcommittee update – presented by Scott Giles, Chair, Higher Education Subcommittee
 - Proposal that \$2.8 million in new State money be targeted to Vermont’s high need population, i.e., first generation, low income Vermonters, to incent higher education institutions
 - Proposal that these funds be allotted as:
 - \$2000 for each Pell grant eligible first generation, low income Vermonter upon graduation with a baccalaureate degree
 - \$1500 for each Pell grant eligible first generation, low income Vermonter upon graduation with an associate degree
- Plans for future Council meetings
 - Review the charge of the Council
 - Begin a conversation with House and Senate Committees to gain feedback for future Council work.
 - Plan how issues such as proficiency based standards, finance and capacity building, along with personalized learning, can be aligned system wide to allow work across sectors and levels.
 - Appreciating the depth and excellent results of the Council’s subcommittees, continue this work along with a more board based approach.
 - Recognize that current admission requirements of Vermont higher education institutions need to be aligned with proficiency based standards before secondary schools fully value learning outside the school day and year.
 - Schedule longer and/or more frequent Council meetings.
 - Coordinate with the House and Senate Education Committees and their Chairs to choose a joint late January or February meeting date.

Motions

No motions were made.

Minutes prepared by Marjorie Zunder, Legislative Counsel