

## ***DRAFT Minutes of Prekindergarten-16 Council meeting***

**Date:** September 21, 2015, 10:00 - 12:00, room 10

### **Members in Attendance**

Scott Giles, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, chair  
Heather Bouchey, Vermont Agency of Education (for Rebecca Holcombe)  
Tricia Coates, Vermont State Colleges  
Karen Heath, Vermont National Education Association  
Wendy Koenig, University of Vermont  
Michele Kupersmith, Vermont Department of Labor  
Holly Morehouse, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.  
Dawn Moskowitz, Voices for Vermont's Children (designee)  
Susan Stitely, Association of Vermont Independent Colleges

### **Members Absent**

Senator Brian Campion  
Representative Kevin "Coach" Christie  
Carlen Finn, Voices for Vermont's Children  
Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association  
Cynthia Greene, Building Bright Futures  
Jeff Maher, Vermont Principals Association  
Andrew Myrick, Vermont State Colleges, FFAFT-VT  
Lisa Ventriss, Vermont Business Roundtable

### **Also in Attendance:**

Barbara Benedict, McClure Foundation  
Ginny Burley, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.  
Lynn Coale, Vermont Association of Career and Technical Education Directors  
Sharon Colvin, Vermont Department of Libraries  
Sabina Haskell, VSAC  
Rebecca Holcombe, Agency of Education  
Ben Johnson, AFT-VT  
Tom Little, VSAC  
Janet McLaughlin, Vermont Community Foundation  
Linda Olson, Vermont State Colleges, FFAFT-VT  
Karen Scott, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.  
Amy Shollenberger, Vermont Afterschool, Inc., AFT-VT  
Jonathan Wolff, Primmer Piper Eggleston and Cramer  
Marjorie Zunder and Donna Russo-Savage, Vermont Legislative Council

### **Topics Discussed**

- Introductions for new Council members, plan for the meeting
- Update from the Early Learning Opportunities Working Group (ELO), (1) Drafting recommendations for an ELO Special Fund to be reviewed by the AOE. Both private and state funding confirmed to be required for this program, with \$5 million needed for quality programs throughout Vermont. (2) Working to ensure equal

access to out-of-school-time based programs, planning for a statewide summit for providers to connect programs and offer provider training —presentation by Holly Morehouse, chair, ELO

- Update on the Lumina Policy Academy Working Group with the 2020 goal that 60% of the Vermont adult population to have a certificate of value, an associate's or higher-level degree, up from current 45% by (1) improving Vermont high school and college graduation rates, (2) increasing higher education enrollment, particularly for first generation, low income and working-age adults, (3) addressing areas of the state with lower graduation rates, (4) bringing people together to draft plans for partnerships to reach these goals —presentation by Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic and Academic Technology Officer, Vermont State Colleges
- Higher Education Subcommittee summer study work update – (1) Gearing Vermont subsidies for higher education to performance and outcomes, including incenting particular programs, (2) Defining the data points that will be used to evaluate the quality of programs (3) Preparing recommendations to report back —presentation by Scott Giles.
- White House Summit in October 2015 on financial aid, simplified application forms, that VSAC staff will attend
- Conversations with the First Lady on low-income students and college to be held and Vermont will be represented
- Universal Child Savings Accounts to raise private dollars—Governor appointing a committee to meet next month

#### **Motions**

No motions were made during the meeting.

#### **Votes**

None needed

*Minutes prepared by Marjorie Zunder, Legislative Council*