



Superintendent Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Patrick Gordon called the ZOOM meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.. Patrick Gordon, Mark Matuska, Chris Staloch, Craig Schlichting, Belinda Selfors, Gregg Slaathaug, and Mike Neubeck. Dr. Tamara Champa was absent.

Motion by Gregg Slaathaug, seconded by Chris Staloch, to approve the agenda and the May 19, 2021 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: Jamie Schwickerath, Perkins Coordinator/Career Navigator with Southeast Service Cooperative; Mike Schnell, Southeast Service Cooperative; Abby Hammes (Wendel Architects)

ZED Perkins Consortium update - Patrick shared an update on the Carl Perkins Coordinator position. Jami Schwickerath is the new Carl Perkins Coordinator working through SSC. Jami shared her background with the superintendents and presented information on the Carl Perkins Act V program. Topics discussed included determining local need, the purpose of Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment, the budget and budget guidelines based on the needs for each district, Sustained vs. Innovation, current budget, review of requests, and Jami's current priorities. Jami, Brandon Macrafi and Lori Jensen are the Executive Board and will be the representatives for ZED and our member districts. The new 2-year budget will renew in May 2022. Jami will reach out to member districts liaisons to discuss what has been requested for the May 2021 budget.

ZED New Building Update - Patrick updated superintendents with the building progress. Things are going well. Second floor masonry is going up. OSHA consultation on site last week went very well. Budget is looking good with contingency funds available. The ZED District Office was sold to Byron Public Schools. We have occupancy until summer 2022. Working on details for the playground. Abby Hammes, Wendel Architects, reported things are going well. Timeline is still on schedule. The goal is by mid November to do tours of the new building. Construction reports will continue weekly.

Joint Powers Agreement - Patrick will be sharing drafts with superintendents in the coming meetings. Discussed decisions that will need to be made for access fees, leasing, etc.

ZED Update (from Director's Report)

COVID update - ZED has 2 lab-confirmed positive COVID test results. ZED will REQUIRE masking if the lab-confirmed COVID positive rate for students is at or above 5% of the overall student enrollment for ZED South Campus, T2Success, and ALC. Since we utilize the Byron School buildings, if Byron Public Schools declares a DISTRICTWIDE mask mandate (not just an individual building or grade level) we would follow that policy. This step would be taken regardless of ZED's student COVID-19 positivity rate. Patrick has been in contact with member district COVID contacts to ensure our itinerant staff are aware of any COVID issues with the students they see. If you do not want ZED itinerant staff in your school building, please let Patrick know.

ZED numbers - ZED program current enrollment numbers shared with superintendents. Information for ALC credit recovery will go out soon.

Back to School - ZED staff gathered the week before students were back. ZED will be looking at diversity and partnering with the Rochester Diversity Council for staff development opportunities this year.

Funding updates (federal special education subgrants) - ZED is working with SE Minnesota education districts/legislators on equalizing funding comparable to metro district intermediates when it comes to cooperative facility funding.

Patrick will be meeting with member district business managers to discuss funds available for subgrants. There is an additional 20-25% for each member district that will be added to subgrant totals. Discussed SpEd recovery for IEP students and what needs to be completed for those students. MA information will be sent to superintendents soon.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2021 @ 1:00 pm followed by Diversity Training from 2-3pm

Submitted by,

Jennifer Butts
Recorder

Handouts

Superintendent Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2021
ZED Current Enrollment
Director's Report