

P-20 Commission Meeting
June 10, 2009
1:15 – 3:40 PM
Department of Higher Education, 1st Floor Board Room

Meeting Notes

Michael Meotti, CT Department of Higher Education, Co-Chair; **Mark McQuillan**, State Department of Education, Co-Chair; **Chris Bruhl**, The Business Council of Fairfield County; **David Carter**, CT State University System; **Daisy Cocco De Filippis**, Naugatuck Valley Community College; **Bruce Douglas**, Capital Region Education Council; **Dolan Evanovich**, UConn; **Elizabeth Feser**, Windsor Public Schools; **Lindy Gold**, DECD; **Mary Ann Hanley**, Office of Workforce Competitiveness; **Eileen Hasson**, The Computer Company; **Cal Heminway**, Granby Board of Ed; **Marc Herzog**, CT Community and Technical Colleges; **Margaret Hiller**, Bridgeport Public Education Fund; **Alex Johnston**, ConnCAN; **Karen Kaplan**, CT Commission for Educational Technology; **Lauren Kaufman**, CBIA (for John Rathgeber); **Nelson King**, Killingly Public Schools; **Edward Klonoski**, Charter Oak State College; **Jean LaVecchia**, Northeast Utilities; **Estela Lopez**, Excelencia in Education; **Patricia Mayfield**, CT DOL; **Reginald Mayo**, New Haven Public Schools; **Julia McNamara**, Albertus Magnus College; **David Nee**, William C. Graustein Memorial Fund; **Sharon Palmer**, AFT-CT; **Richard Porth**, United Way of CT; **Robert Rader**, CT Assoc. of Boards of Ed; **Frank Ridley**, CT Board of Governors for Higher Education; **Susan Ross**, Fairfield County Community Foundation; **Allan Taylor**, CT State Board of Ed; **John Yrchik**, CT Education Assoc.

Staff: **Malia Sieve**, United Way of CT; **Mike Bangser**; **Rob Keating**, OWC; **Christine Thatcher**, DHE

Unable to Attend:

Joseph Cirasuolo, CT Assoc. of Public School Superintendents; **Bruce Dixon**, CT Pre-Engineering Program; **Janice Gruendel**, CT Early Childhood Education Cabinet; **Walter Harrison**, University of Hartford; **Abigail Hughes**, CT Technical High School System; **Peter Kochol**, New Britain Board of Ed; **Larry McHugh**, Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce; **John Rathgeber**, CBIA; **Michael Savage**, CT Assoc. of Schools; **Michael Sharpe**, Jumoke Academy; **Vincent Siberon**, ASPIRA; **Andrew Timmerman**, Fairfield Crystal Technology

NOTES

1. Welcome & Introductions (Mark McQuillan)

(Materials: 4/28/09 Meeting Notes and attachments)

2. Review of 1st meeting and Hoshin results (Wally Hauck, Facilitator)

Wally Hauck described the first meeting and how to interpret the Hoshin drivers. He noted that the drivers are not a rank ordering but rather an illustration of which drivers influence the success of others. While work on the drivers can happen concurrently, the group identified the drivers that needed to be addressed in order to ensure success in other drivers. For example, the group determined that to be successful with other drivers, they needed to work on the principles to guide the work first.

3. Consider Principles – (Mike Meotti, Wally Hauck)

(Materials: Principles to Guide Connecticut and our Educational Systems, Draft – Revised; Principle Survey Results)

Commissioner Meotti explains that the principles were derived from the Hoshin results, discussions during the first meeting, and comments received in survey of Commission members. Comm. Meotti also reminded members that the Commission will focus on student transitions in their education pathway and not all education issues. He also explains that the principles are a tool to guide the Commissions work, but not intended to be a broad-based communications tool.

Comm. Meotti noted that references to the educational system or pipeline in the principles document are inclusive of early childhood programs, K-12, and higher education. He also explained that the number associated with the principle does not indicate a level of importance, but simply a way to refer to the principles.

Wally Hauck reviewed the results of the survey Commission members took to assess their agreement with the draft principles, and it showed high agreement. He noted that the handful of lower ratings may have been a result of members misreading the way to score the survey.

Small Group Exercise

Each table is asked to discuss the principles to suggest adjustments. Discussion of the principles raised some minor wording edits, suggestions on language to illustrate the importance of parents and communities in educational success, and a suggestion to include a preamble to frame the principles and provide context.

Action Item: Co-chairs will consider the discussion and redraft the principles.

4. Role of Commission (Mike Meotti)

(Materials: Roles to Guide the Work Agenda of the P-20 Commission for Consideration at 6/10/09 Commission Meeting, Draft)

Commissioner Meotti explained that the primary role of the Commission will be to raise the level of awareness around the educational challenges CT that highlight the need for coordination and collaboration along the education pathway.

5. Charging the Working Groups (Mark McQuillan)

The Commission members discussed the need to establish workgroups to undertake work in the areas deemed most pressing. These included:

- Longitudinal Data Systems
- Teacher Quality / Educator Quality

There were five other workgroups suggested by members, which included:

- Process to allow/facilitate improvement to transitions
- 21st Century Skills
- New use of technology
- Deploy community resources
- Practical application to improve actual transitions

Members were invited to serve as workgroup participants, and members were asked for suggestions for workgroup chairs. Malia Sieve will email members to poll interest in serving on the two determined workgroups. The groups will have members of relevant stakeholder groups.

Two determined workgroups will start to work to further refine their charges and deliverables.

***Action Item:** Malia will poll member interest in participating on the data and educator quality workgroups. Members should share suggestions for workgroup chairs with Commissioner Meotti or Commissioner McQuillan.*

6. 2009-2010 Work Plan & Meeting Schedule (Mike Meotti)

(Materials: 2009-2010 Work Plan)

Commissioner Meotti described a possible event in the fall and explains that the next meetings will also serve to raise the profile of the issues. The fall will be an event that brings high level stakeholders together to adopt the principles and the winter meeting will be with legislators.

7. Benefits of Values (Wally Hauck)

(Materials: Example of Group Values for Consideration)

Wally Hauck quickly highlighted the group values developed by Housatonic Community College as an example of the types of values that the Commission and workgroups should consider adopting to guide their work together and across partnerships.

Other

Chancellor Carter underscored the importance of parent engagement as crucial and reported that there is already a group developed to address this with which the P-20 Commission should intersect.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2009 @ 1:00 – This meeting date is likely to change.