

Minutes February 3, 2010
PREP Executive Officers Meeting

Attendance:

David Walker, Alan Snell, Anne Pooler, John Mahon, Jerry White, Emil Genest, Rick Lyons, Jim Boothby, Kelly Clenchy, John Davis, Matthew Tardie

Action Taken

1. Election of a Chairperson for the 2009-10 school year.
Motion by Jerry White, seconded by Jim Boothby to recommend that Emil Genest continue as Chairperson. Vote: Unanimous
2. Action on the request from MSAD #41 to join the partnership.
There was discussion on the request from MSAD #41. Motion by Jerry White, seconded by Emil Genest to accept MSAD #41 into the partnership. Vote: 9-1 (David Walker)
3. Update on Current PREP Initiatives
Owen Maurais reviewed the current activities supported by the partnership. He reported that many initiatives continue to evolve and become more in depth from year to year.
4. Update on Adult Education Possibilities
Matt Tardie, Adult Education Director for RSU 26 and SAD 22 provided an update on the program development within both communities. Since the communities came together to support his efforts, the programming available to each community has increased. Kelly Clenchy, Superintendent for RSU 26 indicated that they are looking to grow the program and invited interested school units to consider joining in the opportunity.
5. Discussion on the Level of Assessment for the 2010-11 School Year
Owen Maurais reviewed a proposed assessment level for the 2010-11 school year that was at 75% level of the existing school year. There was discussion that this level of reduction was too significant. Motion by Rick Lyons, seconded by Jim Boothby to set the assessment for the 2010-11 school year at 85% of the 2009-10 school year. A revised assessment listing is included with these minutes.
6. Consideration of Potential New Initiatives
There was discussion of potential new initiatives for the partnership. The first dealt with developing an arrangement for services with Drummond, Woodsom McMahon providing level of initial service for a set price.
John Davis offered to speak with Bruce Smith from DWM to initiate the discussion.

A second area of discussion focused on developing an online format for school units to compare costs for services and essential supplies. The focus of this format would be to provide real time comparisons between school unit costs. **Jerry White, Emil Genest, John Mahon and Owen Maurais** agreed to collaborate on this initiative. Owen will be organizing a phone conference to begin the discussion in the near future.
7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of PREP Executive Officers will be held on Wednesday, April 28th from 10:00 to 12:00 at the United Technology Center.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Owen P. Maurais
Executive Director