



GEAC November Meeting Minutes

349 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon, MI 49440

Room 205

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November 8, 2019

Committee Members

☒ Zeinab Chami, ☒ Anthony Greenburg, ☒ Gigi Lincoln, ☐ Cathy Longstreet, ☒ Cara Lougheed, ☒ Anne Markey, ☒ Angela Pérez, ☒ Benedict Pineda, ☐ Lisa Rivard, ☐ Ramont Roberts, ☒ Ruth Rynnanen, ☒ Mandy Stewart, ☒ Gregory Talberg, ☒ Marcus Walton, ☒ Jeffrey Whittle

Guest: Poppy Hernandez

Time	Item	Owner
9:37am	Call to order 9:37 a.m. Introduction of Cara Lougheed.	Greg Talberg
9:39	Public Comment No public comment.	Greg Talberg
9:40	Review and Approval of October Minutes Corrections of misspellings of names. Motion to Approve: Zeinab Chami Second: Mandy Stewart Motion carries: unanimous approval	Greg Talberg
9:42	Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of ByLaws Point of privilege by Greg Talberg: Content ready by lunch of December for the group to vote on bylaws.	Mandy Stewart
9:44	Updates from Teacher Retention Sub-Committee The sub-committee would like to have a communication and marketing plan to recruit new teachers – particularly to diverse candidates. The committee name has been changed to "Educator Retention" rather than "Teacher Retention" at the request of the group. The committee is researching other states. Local policies – Governor can encourage local districts to create policies at their levels.	Zeinab Chami
9:46	Updates from Poet Laureate Sub-Committee The Committee feels strongly they would like a youth component. They started to put together a document that brings in a number of resources. The committee wants to connect it to the best books program within the library of Michigan. They've asked for national resources; incorporate student and teacher voices; promote literacy.	Lisa Rivard
9:55	General Committee Q & A Travel vouchers	Greg Talberg

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	<p>Location of December meeting is Wayne State University.</p>	
10:20	<p>Updates from the Governor's Office</p> <p>Guest: Poppy Hernandez – Community Affairs Office; nine community affairs people throughout the state; ask if you'd like to know who your person is.</p> <p>Michigan Merit Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of ask from Gov's office • Eliminating certificate of completion or tiers of diplomas • Reference the Path Forward document • Special Education community does not want to see elimination of personal curriculum • If we come up with other tracks does it weaken the diploma • Sense of urgency; legislators are not talking to educators <p>What would you like them to work on or table – which are the priorities?</p> <p>Poppy: GEAC input into the legislation is an essential piece. Won't move forward without your input. If it can't come back to the Governor's office until March that's fine. Not "a fire".</p> <p>Summary of proposed changes in all of the bills.</p> <p>Bylaws committee will shift to gathering all of the bills and information related to this at the December meeting.</p> <p>Leah as the facilitator will gather the curriculum bills and put them on the shared drive in advance of the December meeting.</p> <p>Members will gather perspectives from field</p>	<p>Leah Breen</p> <p>Poppy Hernandez</p>
10:40	<p>Adoption of the 2020 Calendar</p> <p>Motion to approve: Ruth Rynanen</p> <p>Second: Marcus Walton</p> <p>Motion carries unanimous approval</p>	Greg Talberg
10:55	<p>Wrap-Up and Adjourn Committee of the Whole</p> <p>Ben Pineda – educator reached out and expressed concern that there wasn't representation from the physical education community on the committee; wrote a letter to the Governor and hasn't received a response; feels like PE/Health needs a voice; 16 members instead of 15 members; mental health especially.</p> <p>A lot of voices aren't represented on the group; recommendations for voices on future subcommittees;</p> <p>Discussion of GEAC's role as ambassadors.</p> <p>Need to discuss funding; dignity in the profession;</p> <p>Would like to speak to the legislature;</p> <p>The GEAC has a role in legislative policy around education moving forward. You will always be seen as an advisory member on this committee because your representatives will be notified; be mindful of that.</p> <p>Gather all the information you want. Flow through all the information you want. Your opinion on topics as a GEAC member should be limited to each other and the Governor. If people are curious they can attend the public meeting shared.</p>	Greg Talberg

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	Innovative Educator Corps – cancellation of grant; member would like information; Ruth will pass to Leah to pass to Governor. Concern regarding state email.	
	Motion to adjourn: Mandy Stewart Second: Angela Perez Motion carries: unanimous approval Meeting adjourned: 11:35am	
11:00am	Sub-committee meetings	Subcommittee Chairs
3:00pm	Adjourn Sub-Committee Meetings	Subcommittee Chairs

Upcoming Meeting: December 18, 2019, Wayne State University