

**VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance Steering Committee meeting  
September 24, 2020 1:00p via Zoom**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Ann Dillenbeck	Morgan Nichols
Deb Gass	Pam McCarthy
Faye Mack	Sarah Kenney
Floyd Nease	Sarah Teel
Joanna VonCulin	Sonja Raymond
Judy Pransky	Tabitha McGlynn
Margaret Atkinson	

Not in Attendance: Amanda Cochrane, Barbara Petrie, Diane Nichols-Fleming, Ellen Drolette, Holly Morehouse, Jessie Carpenter

Staff: Matt Levin, Charlie Gliserman, Amy Russo-Perler

Guest: Mary Zentara

1. Welcome, logistics, agenda review

Introductions were made, and there were no changes made to the agenda. New members were welcomed to the Committee.

2. Minutes from 3/31/20 Meeting

Matt presented draft minutes from the March Steering Committee meeting. There were no edits or corrections suggested, and the draft was **accepted by consensus**.

3. Appointment to fill Vacancy

Faye announced that Ilene Dickenson has resigned from the Parent seat she has held, given her teaching and family obligations. She nominated and appointed Mary Zentara, individual member, to serve in the Parent seat next elected in 2021. Mary introduced herself, and thanked Faye. Mary noted her past work as the Director of the Forest Preschool at the North Branch Nature Center, and her current work as a Master's Degree student, focusing on trauma and resilience in families and young children.

4. Election of Officers

Matt and Faye briefly described the process for recruiting and electing officers, which occurs at the Steering Committee meeting held just after the Annual Membership Meeting. Faye nominated the following to serve as officers: Margaret Atkinson (Chair), Faye Mack (Vice Chair), Barbara Petrie (Treasurer), Tabitha McGlynn (Secretary), and Diane Nichols-Fleming (At-Large). This slate was **elected by consensus**. Ann Dillenbeck and others thanked those willing to serve.

5. Executive Committee Report

Matt noted that the minutes from Executive Committee meetings held between Steering Committee meetings are always included in the meeting packet.

6. Legislative Agenda '20 planning

Matt reviewed the draft schedule for activities to take place during the fall related to the development of the 2021 Legislative Agenda, noting that the schedule has been adjusted because of the additional summer/fall legislative session. Volunteers were then requested for the Agenda Setting Subcommittee, to review the schedule and refine the application process, as needed. Subcommittee members are Floyd, Joanna, Judy, Deb, and Mary, with Matt staffing. Matt noted that the Executive Committee would review and approve the schedule and application at their October meeting, after the Subcommittee does their review.

6. Announcements

There were no announcements.

7. Scheduling next meeting

Matt reviewed the likely schedule for Steering Committee meetings during the fall and winter, with the next meeting likely in late November or early December, with two other meetings in the following weeks to finalize the Legislative Agenda. He indicated he would send a poll to determine the timing for the next Committee meeting once the Agenda setting schedule has been finalized.

After thanks offered all around, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.