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Minutes
Policy Board Meeting
March 12, 2025

Vicki Washburn, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

-Motion to accept the minutes from May 2024 –B. LeClair and second H. Walsh: Motion carried, unanimous.

2. Fiscal Report

Denise submitted a monthly report of the current status of NCTRC

- -Motion to accept the fiscal report dated January 2025 – B. Fregeau and second V. Washburn: Motion carried, unanimous.

3. Reports and Communications

Director's report attached

5. New Business

The NCTRC received 2 applications for instructors.

- Motion to accept William Verity as an instructor - B. LeClair and second A. Myers-Lautenschuetz: Motion carried, unanimous.
- Motion to accept Jennifer Winternitz as an instructor - M. Niquette and second A. Myers-Lautenschuetz: Motion carried, unanimous.

Winter classes did not all run: there are many classes which are repeats, as such they need 10 people to run. We discussed changing the threshold back to 5 people, but paying the instructors less money. After discussion, we decided that overall, the new class proposals coming in are mostly new and improved. We will keep the policy in place (5 people needed to run a new class, 10 needed for a repeat class).

We reviewed the application for professional learning opportunities. Everyone will look it over and if there are no issues we will disseminate with teachers for the 2025-2026 school year.

We had our third New Teachers's Night Out on March 8. We thought it was good, but not the best of the three. We think there were too many topics that weren't cohesive. Our focus on May 8 will be the union. Jaimie Ciffone will attend so we are hopeful it will be a real success.

If anyone is interested in attending the self-study in April please fill out the link in the email. The date will be chosen on March 24 and Denise will email everyone that day. It will be a half day with lunch provided and an afternoon of planning for the 2025-2026 year.

NYSUT report: NYSUT is working on the Fix Tier 6 campaign. There will be rallies around the state on April 6. Information will be sent out to union leaders soon. The union will be focusing on protecting unions, getting ready for the unknown, focusing on issues, and getting people to reach out to our leaders no matter the party. Check out the positive stories in NYSUT United including Ogdensburg getting paid maternity leave in their contract, New National Board Certified teachers and NYSUT being named top fundraiser.

We also discussed a new bill coming before the state which changes the Kindergarten deadline from December 1 to September 1. That would mean children need to be 5 to attend K. We all support, please call your senators and assembly people.

Review Timeline/Upcoming Events

- NCTRC Monthly Meeting Dates 2024-2025
 - May 7, 2025
- ✓ Motion to adjourn, made by C. Butts, at 5:11 p.m.; seconded by A. Myers-Lautenschutz -Motion carried. unanimous

Next meeting will be May 7, 2025 starting at 4:15 p.m. @ NCTRC.

Attendance Records March 12, 2025 Policy Board Meeting Quorum Present

Present:

Kaitlyn Jubert
Amanda Trombley
Vicki Washburn
Bethany LeClair
Heather Walsh
Tammi Kreckel
Angie Waldron
Bailey Fregeau
Catherine Butts
Theresa Figoni
Jeanette Stapley
Steven Patnode
Kathleen Morse
Melissa Niquette
April Myers-Lautenschuetz

Northeastern Clinton Central School
Northern Adirondack CSD
Retired Teacher, Clinton County
Plattsburgh City Schools
Willsboro
Moriah Central School
CVES
LEA Representative
Peru Central School
Saranac Central School
Retired Teacher, Essex
Chazy Central School
Keene CSD
Bouquet Valley School
Parent representative

Also Attending:

Denise Sypek

NCTRC Director

Absent:

Jennifer Kowalczyk
Cynthia McCarty
Dan Liegel
Jennifer Goodwin
Kyle Lang
Laura Corey

Business Person, Mountain Lake PBS
Chairperson, SUNY Plattsburgh
AuSable Valley Central School
Beekmantown
Ticonderoga Central School
Schroon Lake Central School

Minutes Submitted by Denise Sypek, Director 3/13//2025