

**Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

**Call In:** 1-802-552-8456

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One National Life Drive, Room 514, Montpelier, VT 05620

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Tara Cariano, Harwood Unified Union School District; Lissa Knauss, Montpelier Roxbury School District; Sandra Cameron, Vermont School Boards Association; Katy Culpo, Castleton University

**AOE:** Jess DeCarolis, Suzanne Sprague

**Members of the public:** None

Meeting called to order at 3:33 pm

Agenda Additions: Question from Sandra - will independent schools be included in our policy?

Motion to accept meeting minutes from 12/1 - Katy, 2nd Sandra

Motion to cancel 12/29 meeting, Lissa 2nd. Next meeting date is 1/12/22

Is current wellness policy inclusive of independent schools? Sandra - No, it is written for public schools, but especially for schools that receive tuition funds from public, why wouldn't they be included? Group of students supported by public funds being left out of coverage if we don't recommend that ALL students receive the same benefit of this policy.

Sandra will send brief statement to Tara so she can make note of our plan to make this recommendation.

Tara shared draft timeline

Sandra - implementation question - which year are we going to recommend for implementation since budgets are wrapping up right now?

Per Act 66 - "Advise and assist in updating and distributing the plan" AOE is in concert with VSBA.

Move forward with this timeline and ask for the extension.

Jess- council has been convened, but nothing about when it needs to disband. Could we continue to improve it?

Chair to reach out to Dept Secretary Bouchey to present the timeline and work together to request for extension.

Lissa asked about other parts of the timeline that are not on there, for example the suggestion Mike McRaith made about a measurement tool for institutional wellness.

Sandra - suggestion of capturing other stakeholders input after we do the basics of the charge we have been given and then continue to meet to address the extra areas brought up.

Sandra made motion for requesting extension of our work. Katy 2nd. All were in favor.

Jess presented stakeholder feedback

- Remember that they were giving feedback on an unfinished document
- People who didn't get to add feedback want to add it in next round if there is a chance to do so
- Rewrite the introduction last

Sandra reminded council that final policy product needs to be run by legal counsel

- Provide guidance and support so propose that model policy comes with technical assistance (e.g., sample language examples, resources, VSBA, AOE webinar and guidebook)

Jess - Does this framework seem right for the direction we want to move in? Left to right - law to policy to practice

For next meeting on Jan 12th - read through all the documents Suzanne sent and especially version 3 entirely and pay particular attention to the comprehensive health section because that is what we are working on first.

Adjourned at 4:35 pm