

Agency of Education
219 North Main Street, Suite 424
September 24, 2018

Present: Bernice Garnett, UVM; Henri Sparks, Burlington School District; Mill Moore, VISA; Kathy Johnson, A World of Difference (arrived at 3:18 p.m.); Jay Nichols, VPA; Jeff Francis, VSA; Jeff Fannon, VT-NEA; Tim Vincent, VSBIT; Sue Ceglowski, VSBA; Daniel M. French, Agency of Education

AOE: Suzanne Sprague

Agenda:

1. Introduction of Secretary French
2. Discuss Secretary French's intended goals and needs for the council
3. Other

The meeting convened at 2:35 p.m.

Secretary French introduced himself and shared his work history, experience and background. He asked the Council to advise him on any goals they are working towards and asked how the Agency could help.

Discussion followed regarding designated employees and training, centralized guidance and technical resources, purpose and function of the Council, site visits, trainings by VSBIT, prevention and early intervention, school climate, restorative practices, adult behavior, school climate survey, reviewing the model policy and creating a one-page document.

Garnett suggested the following topics, which were highlighted in their discussion as goals for the upcoming year of the Council.

1. Translating the HHB Model Policy to one page
2. Recommendations to schools using School Climate Survey data
3. Training of designated reporters

Discussion continued regarding equity, listening tours, safe schools, engaging the electorate, lack of training, bias, race and gay and lesbian youth.

Garnett said that members could self-select to work in subgroups on the Council's goals and then have the entire Council weigh in after the subgroup work time. Johnson suggested a fourth goal being student voice. The group divided up as follows:

Garnett – school climate and professional development (prevention)
Fannon – professional development
Vincent – translating model policy
Nichols – student voice and professional development
Ceglowski – translating model policy
Sparks – student voice and school climate
Moore – school climate and professional development
Johnson – student voice
Francis – professional development

Discussion followed regarding public meeting law and the best way to work in subgroups. It was decided that members would come to the next meeting prepared to work in subgroups from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. and have the regular share meeting from 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Discussion followed on improving school climate, school visits, student representation and state translators.

The remaining meeting date for 2018 is Monday, November 26, 2018. The agenda items will be a 45-minute work-group sessions, 45-minute work share meeting and revisiting listening tours.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Suzanne Sprague.