



EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – February 9, 2016

In attendance:

Diana Fisher Gomberg, School Committee, Newton
Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Arlington
Bella Wong, Superintendent, Lincoln-Sudbury
Ed Heller, School Committee, Weston
Jon Sills, Superintendent, Bedford
Colleen Dolan, Executive Director, EDCO Collaborative
Thomas Markham, Director of Business Management, EDCO Collaborative
David King, Treasurer, EDCO Collaborative

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Fisher Gomberg at 10:35 am.

Colleen Dolan presented an amendment to the Articles of Agreement. The amendment removes Wellesley Public Schools from the list of members and changes the date of notification of withdrawal from the collaborative from December 30 to July 1 of the prior fiscal year.

Colleen expressed concern regarding the CELC study. Thus far, none of the EDCO program directors have been interviewed, there has been no discussion around finances and the survey proposed by FMS was less than impressive. The survey was returned with suggestions for revision from Colleen and Tom Jefferson. The revised survey is somewhat better. We are currently working to set a date with FMS for an update meeting including the executive directors, Tom Markham, and Jon Sills.

Colleen proposed a revised policy on restraint. Revisions were vetted by EDCO's attorney and are in line with the new regulations. The policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading.

Colleen reported we are optimistic about the number of new referrals coming into North Crossing Academy. Referrals are from both member and non-member districts and several are from districts who have not referred to the program in recent years.

Tom Markham presented the Employee Action report in a new format. The format provides columns for both outgoing and incoming employees along with salaries. This will provide additional information about the financial impact of employee actions. The committee approved of the new format and thanked Tom for his responsiveness.

Tom Markham also reported he has been working with Nupath, a company located in Woburn whose mission is to support adults with disabilities. Nupath has rented EDCO space in the past and expressed an interest in a long-term rental of space at 36 Middlesex Turnpike that is currently not utilized. Tom is in discussions with Nupath and will keep the committee updated.

A motion was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Helen Charlupski to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Dolan, 4.12.16.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Dolan".