

RI Family Engagement Advisory Council

RI Parent Information Network 1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

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Welcome & Introductions Call to order at 6:13 PM without quorum

- Stephanie Enos
- Jason Masterson
- Maria Cristina Betancur
- Annette Bourne
- Bill Cotton
- Robin Adams
- Leanne Tria
- Geraldine McPhee

Approval of the June Minutes

Noted corrections to minutes. Robin will edit and present at next meeting for vote.

Updates & Old Business

- No news from Governor's Office, but we have questions that Robin will follow up on. How does a person come to be on the council? vacant positions: COZ, B&G Club, PTA
- Group reviewed Mission Statement and suggested following revision:
The mission of the RI family Engagement Advisory Council (FEAC) is to bring the voice of family voice to state leaders and school districts regarding matters of engagement policies and best practices. Families, educators, and communities will work in partnership and promote this knowledge to improve educational outcomes for all students.

Committee Reports

PR & Communications next steps:

- Exchange email address, draft announcement & follow up w/ Courtney about logo
- Begin compiling resource links for schools can use right away (for website)
- Who is the contact person regarding the website? Determine where our files will be saved

Strategic Plan (Group Work)

How shall we begin surveying districts FE practices? How we will frame survey questions?

Stephanie will talk w/ David about getting an announcement of FEAC in the Commissioner's field memo. Robin and Jim will draft letter that could be included as a link in the memo asking superintendents to help us identify the person in the district who knows the most about family engagement.

New Business

- Educator Autonomy Project - Commissioner Gist is forming a group that will work to provide flexibility in the classroom and more local autonomy. (attach document)
- RISEAC Issue Review Form may be used to help manage topics of interest. (attach document)

Wrap-Up & Next Steps

How can we improve attendance for our next meeting on November 20th?

- Consider surveying members (what are the barriers or incentives)
- How do we respond when members don't attend? (What's the governor's office protocol?)

Change sign-in sheet that shows a check off for attendance

Adjourn