



RI Family Engagement Advisory Council

Hosted by RI Parent Information Network (RIPIN)
1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI

The mission of the RI Family Engagement Advisory Council (FEAC) is to bring the voice of families 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.

Meeting Minutes 5.24.16

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Bill Cotton, Stephanie Enos, and Geraldine McPhee

Absent: Maria Camarena and Diane Tourangeau

Lead by: Geraldine McPhee

Quorum Present: Yes

Guests: The committee welcomed Tonya Glantz, from RI College, who wishes to join the council as a parent representative.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 19th meeting were reviewed and approved.

News / Events

State

State Legislation Updates

The RI Department of Education (RIDE) has a Legislative Update Listserv. Stephanie has begun forwarding updates to the group. All are welcome to receive the update directly, please let Stephanie know if you are interested in being added to the listserv.

Revisions to RI's Secondary School Regulations

RIDE continues to work with the community to revise the State's Secondary School Regulations. Opportunities for public input will be forth coming. To learn more, visit the RIDE website at:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/RIPublicSchools/DiplomaSystem.aspx>

Advanced Course Network

The RIDE is working with districts to pilot an Advanced Course network for students throughout the state. Registration is now open to eligible high schools students for the 2016-2017 school year. Course catalogs available, by district, on the RIDE website using the following link:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/EducationPrograms/AdvancedCoursework.aspx>

Local

Bill shared concerns from parents that there will be a decrease in service for students with IEP's as part of the reorganization in Warwick. Members shared the following resources with Bill: The RI Parent Information Network's (RIPIN) helpline 270-0101 and the RIDE Special Education Call Center 222-4690.

Updates from the Governor's Office

- Geraldine continues to work with Catherine Gering at the Governor's Office, to secure appointments for the current members.

Planning for Next Year

The team discussed a work plan for next year. The draft plan, which will be discussed further at the next meeting, includes the following dates and actions:

Planning/Regular Meeting - July 12th or 19th

Planning/Regular Meeting - September 13th

Topic Meeting - October 18th or 25th

- Possible topic – What is family engagement? Engaging schools/families? This could also serve as a vehicle for collecting good work in the community – from family and school perspectives.

Debrief/Regular Meeting - December 13th

Planning/Regular Meeting - February 8th

Topic Meeting - March 29th

- Possible topic - Policy 101 from RIPIN, need to check charge of committee, work with Governor's Office. Seems to make sense to help parents on the committee build their knowledge and skills.

All are encouraged to bring their ideas and thoughts to the table to move planning forward at the next meeting.

Committee Work

Communication and Public Relations

Membership Recruitment

- Recruitment continues.
- Tonya Glantz has submitted her resume to the Governor's office for consideration as a parent representative. Tonya works at RI College and has two children. She is awaiting for official confirmation – welcome Tonya! Tonya learned about FEAC through a recruitment flyer shared through the COZ in Cranston.

Nominations

- No updates at this time.

Bylaws

- No updates at this time.

Wrap-up

Next Meeting

- All ideas are welcome and encouraged. **Members are encouraged to bring their ideas to the next meeting.**

Upcoming Meetings

- Next Meeting Date – June 7th 6 to 7:30 at RIPIN
 - Geraldine will send a survey monkey to find out about people's availability for the dates and times discussed earlier in the meeting.

7:30 Adjourn