

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY NO. 9
PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CESA #9 OFFICE
TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

LEGISLATIVE Coffee/Conversation – 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
PAC Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Attendees: Antigo – Don Childs; AVW – Jocelyn Smith; Athens – Tim Micke; DC Everest – Kris Gilmore; Edgar – Cari Guden; Elcho – Bill Fisher; Lac du Flambeau – Larry Ouimette; Marathon – Rick Parks; Merrill – Wally Leipart; Northland Pines – Mike Richie; Prentice – Randy Bergman; Rhinelander – Kelli Jacobi; Stratford – Scott Winch; Three Lakes – George Karling; Tomahawk – Sherry Baker; Wausau – Kathleen Williams; CESA 9 – Karen Wendorf-Heldt.

Area legislators were invited to meet with superintendents from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. for coffee and discussion. Senator Tiffany was present as well as Pat Snyder (on behalf of Congressman Duffy).

- I. Call to order by Vice Chairperson Winch
- II. Approval of Agenda **(Gilmore, Bergman)**
- III. Approval of January 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes **(Micke, Gilmore)**
- IV. WASDA Report – Larry Ouimette/Kris Gilmore **(Larry reported on recent board of directors meeting with State Superintendent Tony Evers and conversations regarding educator effectiveness and state assessments. Kris noted that she had the opportunity to meet with the Governor at the state education convention.)**
- V. SAA Report/Legislative/Advocacy Update – Scott Winch/Tim Micke **(Scott encouraged all superintendents to share how the proposed budget cuts will affect their school districts in terms of programming for students. Scott also shared information about proposed voucher expansion and LGIF.)**
- VI. Presentation – Education System in Philippines – Don Childs **(Dr. Childs shared information about the history and educational system of the Philippines. The administrative assistants joined superintendents for this part of the meeting.)**
- VII. Administrator's Report
 - Governor's Budget Proposal and CESAs **(Karen noted two concerning provisions in the budget proposal that would impact CESAs—elimination of state funding (\$21,000) and making base membership in the CESA optional. Currently the base membership is mandatory and all other services are optional. Karen will put together district specific summary sheets of CESA service utilization and what base membership fee covers for each of the superintendents. Karen will be meeting with each superintendent over the next month or so to review shared service contracts and needs for upcoming school year.)**
 - Badger (Smarter Balanced) Assessment **(Plans to implement this assessment this spring are continuing despite the proposal in the governor's budget to ban the use of this assessment in future years. This year's assessment will not include the adaptive features.)**

- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Start Up Grant (**Karen noted that CESA 9 applied for and received a start up grant for UDL. Rhinelander will be piloting the training with us and after this spring's pilot we will be able to offer the training across CESA 9.**)
- CESA 9 Title I/Literacy (**As Lynn Verage will be having more of her days allocated to the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools work, Casey Gretzinger will be joining our CESA 9 team as our Title I Coordinator and Literacy Consultant. Karen noted that Casey will also be available to you to meet the district reading specialist requirements-see Service 29 in the Shared Services Description Booklet. Casey also has strong experience with early literacy interventions and Curriculum Companion. We know she will be a valuable asset to our CESA 9 region.**)
- Agency Administrator Evaluation (**Jenny Miner will email the link to the online evaluation form. Karen noted that in addition to the numerical marks, she truly appreciates narrative comments.**)
- Board Development Resource List (**Karen reminded PAC that she is keeping a list of names that superintendents recommend to serve as possible resources to boards and superintendents who may desire additional consultation. Please feel free to share additional names with her in case the need arises.**)
- Shared Service Contracts for 2015-16 (**Contract renewals for 2015-16 were distributed; Hilary Cordova and Karen Heldt described the process for this year. Karen will follow up to schedule a site visit to discuss.**)
- Other (**Karen noted that a representative from CESA Purchasing will be at the March After PAC meeting and that she is working to have someone from ETF present at April After PAC meeting. Karen shared flyers for upcoming events of interest.**)

VIII. Focused Sharing: Advocacy

- Next Steps Based Upon Morning Conversation with Legislators (**PAC Exec will work on summary document to send to legislators and to also include talking points on topics that we didn't get to in the morning legislative conversation.**)
- Review Talking Points Document on Critical Issues (**Superintendents provided input.**)
- Educator Effectiveness-planning for April legislative conversation
- Calendaring Advocacy for 2015-16 (**We will plan on having a legislative coffee/conversation time before each PAC meeting during the months of October, December, February, and April moving forward. Next one for this school year will be April 10. Karen will send invite and calendar for 2015-16 to legislators.**)

IX. Ideas for Topics for Future Best Practice/Critical Issues/Focused Sharing

X. What's New and Good

XI. Adjourn (**Williams, Parks**)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4	Board of Control Meeting, CESA 9 Office
March 13	PAC Meeting, CESA 9 Office