



# Educational Leadership Team Meeting

Minutes: December 21, 2011

1 **Attendance:** Mike Deweese, Rob Reardon, Laurie Singer, Deb Robbins, Mary Hughes, David Wells, Erin  
2 Maguire, Bob Travers, Dan Ryan, Judy DeNova, Amy Cole, Paul O'Brien, Tom Bochanski, Vince Gonillo

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4 **Others Present:** Gabrielle Smith

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6 **Facilitator:** Amy

**Timekeeper:** Rob

**Recorder:** Magda

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8 Amy reviewed the new agenda and explained a new ELT meeting facilitating approach based on  
9 rotation. The purpose of this change is to encourage ownership of the leadership team meetings.

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11 Update: Erin: Rich Villa is available for one day of co-teaching training or coaching on 1/23/12.

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13 **CPCI Review: Safe, Healthy, Student-Centered Learning Environments (Gabrielle)**

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15 YRBS presentation from Gabrielle Smith. Introduction and explanation of what is new with the survey  
16 this year was reviewed (eligibility and new grade ranges surveyed). The focus of the survey: drinking,  
17 tobacco, personal safety, youth assets (some drastic drops were visible in the youth assets section).  
18 The CCSU report is available on the website. One of the major findings of the YRBS survey is that the  
19 students generally do not feel like part of the community outside of school. Also, they often feel the  
20 teachers do not care about them or support them enough within their schools. How do we engage the  
21 most vulnerable students who are usually the ones not participating in the survey or discussion night?  
22 January 11 is the next School Health Committee meeting . Should the group manage the EPSDT grant  
23 and have funds available to them?

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25 Dialog Night. Gabrielle and Rob shared the venue of where and how the results from the YRBS were  
26 reviewed with the community. The focus of the night was marijuana use and the results are posted on  
27 the Essex CHIPS website. Parents, staff and students were present.

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29 **ACT 1 taskforce update (Mary)**

30 Final recommendations and timeline hand outs were reviewed. Staff training on child abuse prevention  
31 is available through state resources. So is curriculum review and parent training. A meeting will be  
32 planned. Erin's support will be needed to involve a trauma specialist. There needs to be sensitivity  
33 around how this curriculum could impact the children who have experienced sexual abuse. A focus on  
34 training procedures, support and case management is desired by principals.

35 Amy to follow up on this and report back.

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37 **CPCI sun setting & development of new CPCI (Judy)**

38 Judy's recommendation: to focus on only one CPCI category - Safe, Healthy, Student-Centered Learning  
39 Environments - and identify additional data points, as well as keeping in mind Gabrielle's presentation.  
40 This information could be shared with staff and invite their participation in creating the school's action  
41 steps in this one area to make the work more doable. We can refresh other areas of the CPCI and in  
42 turn school action plans as new data points become available.

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44 Questions and suggestions for consideration regarding the framework of the CPCI:  
45 What can be rearranged? Can certain areas be combined/ compacted? How can the 21st Century  
46 Learning impact the design of CPCI? Should it be considered?  
47 Can the field be more engaged in the redesigning process? Build the plans from the school's mission  
48 statement.

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#### 50 **Regional calendar**

51 Please send feedback to Judy before Jan 10. Judy also explained the "Vision Calendar" created by a  
52 CVSA subgroup and will forward it as well. Please begin thinking about the implications of this potential  
53 change and provide insights and suggestions to Judy.

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#### 55 **Curriculum & assessment update**

56 Postponed to next meeting

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#### 58 **PowerSchool alerts**

59 The new alert icon was reviewed based on the suggestions at our last meeting. Necessary changes were  
60 discussed and those will take place after the CCSU Weekly is emailed.

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#### 62 **Minutes of Nov. 16**

63 Carried over for the next meeting.

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#### 65 **Next Meeting**

- 66 • January 4
- 67 • Facilitator – Vince

#### 68 **Future Agenda Items**

- 69 • Curriculum & assessment update (Amy)
- 70 • Act 1 Taskforce update (Amy)
- 71 • New CPCI outline (Amy)