

## Maine Learning Innovations

Minutes for a Meeting of the Board of Directors held February 26, 2019

Pursuant to email and public website notices, a meeting of the Board of Maine Learning Innovations was convened on February 26, 2019, in the Maine Virtual Academy offices in Augusta at 2:00 PM. Members attending in person were Donna Madore and Ed Leblanc. Peter Mills phoned in and Amy Carlisle attended by Skype.

Also attending in person were Melinda Browne; Patti Ashley; Fadia Afaneh; Jillian Dearborn and Teacher Chelsea Osgood. Sarah Berger from K12 and Bill Ferdinand attended by phone.

**Minutes.** Upon motion by Donna, seconded by Ed and all in favor, minutes for the meeting of 1/15/19, were unanimously approved.

**Legislative Update.** Bill Ferdinand mentioned a bill in Congress but said that Charter Commission seems like they are not in favor of it. Thinks that the state of Maine is still in the learning mode about virtual schools. He is looking to talk directly to Pender Makin but has not had a response yet. Bill said that he has not heard of a hearing date yet, but we should be ready to have a Board member, Dr. Browne and parents of MEVA students testify at the meeting.

**Finance.** ED279 funding is there and the same as last year. Donna motioned to approve the financial pack, Ed seconded and Peter and Amy all in favor. Discussed upgrading the copier and a new contract to cover the amount of copies we need without going into overages. Donna motioned to approve of a new copier and maintenance contract, Ed seconded and Peter and Amy all in favor.

**Head of School Report.** Contract renewal process has started. Melinda is working on the self-study report and will share once completed. ESSEA project has designated \$7500. to spend before fiscal year end. Melinda is gathering a team to work on this project and will use the funds as a stipend. Melinda said MEVA is looking to offer the summer program as in years past for students who need it. Donna Madore and Ed Leblanc agreed to continue the summer program. School data aiming to retain 78%, last year was 80%. Increase in attendance management has forced MEVA to lose some students. The passing rate is over 80%, in virtual schools that is pretty good. MEVA is continuing to have a lot of activities/field trips for the students and recently added a club for students to join.

**Ops Manager Report.** Re-registration has started and Fadia Afaneh has been holding parent meetings to help answer any questions. The college board approved of MEVA's testing locations and we have secured these locations.

At 3:08 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pro Temp