

Indiana Council for Exceptional Children 12/9/09

Purpose of Meeting: monthly meeting

Place: New Palestine Southern Hancock County School Board Room

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Time: convened to order at 10:12 a. m. E. S. T.

Members present: Marcia Piercy; Sheila Trzcinka; Lynn Mellinger; George Van Horn; and Jerry McKim

1. Approval of the minutes
The minutes from Saturday, November 7 were approved 5-0.
2. Treasurer's report
There was no report from the treasure submitted at this meeting.
3. Membership report
There was no report submitted. Both Sheila and Marcia indicated the need for this information and would pursue contacts with Kathie.
4. CAN report
George updated REPA progress. He indicated some positive changes were made, but stated he still had concerns with Section 8. George indicated the public hearing would continue on Thursday, December 10, 2009 with a final vote on the entire proposal at the January Board meeting. George said one of the biggest issues with REPA is the provision allowing anyone with a master's degree to potentially be a superintendent of a school corporation. George further indicated the REPA measure will probably pass in January.
5. Student Chapters update
Marcia stated Chris Grisson did not provide updated information on student chapters due to school commitments.
6. National CEC Convention
Marcia introduced a proposal requesting INCEC to pay for expenses related to the required attendance of the state president, representative assembly and membership chair to the National Council for Exception Children's annual convention. She went on to say the president-elect's attendance should also be paid in the year before assuming duties as president. Initially, Marcia proposed an expense figure of \$1500 for each of the above required attendees. Marcia indicated the expenses would include the following: pre-convention and registration fees; four-five nights of lodging; per diem for meals and incidentals; and transportation.

George stated he too believed INCEC should pay for required attendees. He went on to say this proposal should be identified as an annual expense. George said the state conference should be designed as a money maker to help fund this anticipated expenditure.

Marcia submitted the most recent fund balance for INCEC is in excess of \$20,000, therefore the money is available to fund this year's expenditure should we move to a motion and approve the expenditure.

Jerry stated it is important we understand the total dollar expenses will change from year to year depending on the location of the national convention.

George introduced a motion requiring INCEC to annually pay for required attendees' expenses related to registration, lodging, per diem, and travel.

The motion was second by Lynn.

The motion passed 5-0.

7. State Conference

Marcia asked, "Do we want to have it?"

Marcia went on to say we have always tried to get the word out early in the fall before the conference. This comment was made in reference to Marcia's concern over how to improve participation and attendance.

Sheila concurred with Marcia's assertion to get the word out early.

George expressed concern with the conference's inconsistent organizational format.

Jerry submitted he believed we have a successful model to reproduce in the National Council for Exceptional Children's format used for its annual convention.

George said we need to survey our membership for ideas about how to improve and rejuvenate the state conference. George volunteered to develop a survey and would present it at the January meeting for approval. George said he hoped it could then be sent out to the membership after the January meeting.

8. Set future meeting dates

Marcia expressed a need for feedback on the selection of meeting dates and times.

Sheila indicated it is frustrating when technology doesn't perform as expected.

Jerry submitted maybe it would be better to just do a conference call without any attempt to maintain a video presence.

Marcia agreed to look into improvement possibilities for current and other communications.

Marcia said it was important for planning that we agree to future dates and times for our INCEC meetings. After reviewing her calendar and hearing from Lynn and Jerry on their preferences it be held during the week day rather than Saturday, she proposed the following motion.

I move meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each month through the June meeting. Marcia include in her motion the starting times would be at 10:00 a. m.

E. S. T. in the New Palestine Southern Hancock County School Board Room.

The motion was second by Lynn. There was no discussion.

The motion passed 5-0.

9. Good of the Order

Sheila said she would provide more information on a function to be later identified, but asked everyone to note on their calendar the function to be held at the Purdue-Calumet Campus on March 6, 2010.

George said he would be glad to send the announcement of the function out on the cooperative directors' list-server.

10. Adjournment

Marcia introduced a motion to adjourn.

The motion was second by Lynn. There was no discussion.

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 E. S. T.