

Education Caucus Meeting Minutes August 11, 2019

Attendees:

[Kathleen Jeskey \(Chair\)](#)

Carol Greenough

Scott Hays (Vice Chair)

Peter Nordbye

Mary Thamann

Ross Swartzendruber

Lisa Stiller (Recording Secretary)

Eric J. Aguinaga

Steph Newton

Louise Currin

Liz Marlia Stein

Bill Bordeaux

Abbie warmer

David Coburn

Trina Kosydar

Paul Erickson

Linda P. Erickson

1. Welcome/Introductions (10 min.)

Meeting called to Order, sign in sheet passed around

The meeting began with introductions of caucus attendees. (most appear to former or current educators!)

We were reminded that agenda are online for people to view or input, and materials for the meeting are online

[Lisa Stiller volunteered to serve as the Education Caucus Recording Secretary.](#)

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved

3. Officer Reports

We had a discussion of the bylaws: voting privilege, and what constitutes membership. You can become a member by ~~completing an application~~ [joining the Education Caucus online](#) or upon attending a

meeting. People's names from the sign in sheet are entered into the caucus membership database. A person becomes a voting member if they have attended and signed in to a previous meeting within the year. By attending a second meeting you have voting privileges.

Had a discussion about Education Caucus members refraining from supporting non-Democratic candidates when speaking for the Ed caucus; as an individual privately it is ok. A motion was made to clarify this language, which passed unanimously.

Bylaws clarifying the communication secretary duties were also passed unanimously, which include adding the names of those attending Ed Caucus meetings to the Caucus membership list, and printing the caucus members in good standing prior to the DPO reorg meeting.

Travis came to give us an update on his activities at the DNC and what resolutions he is supporting, including climate change.

4. Old Business

- **Action Goal: Reducing the negative impact of standardized testing**

Discussion of Clackamas County resolution. Possible resolution to DPO. The goal is to eliminate the tying of standardized testing to graduation. It will be submitted to the DPO and hopefully taken up by the Platform and Resolutions Committee.

There was a discussion about the possibility of other counties doing the same thing with the same or a similar resolution. References from the resolution will be sent out for use for this purpose

- **Member communication between caucus meetings update/question.**

There was a discussion about how we can communicate between meetings about resolutions and bills. The decision was made to form a google group to do this.

5. New Business

- **Upcoming Implementation of Student Success Act**

There is an effort to form a task force. Need to get someone to sponsor legislation for this. Also, the chair of the Ed Committee can get this done too.

There was a discussion about behavior, and classroom disruption and its effect on learning and students, and how a grant from the student

success act could address this. There is a need to advocate for this in local school districts as each district writes a plan for their own grants.

Other issues discussed: Statewide student assessment, importance of following state Board of Ed meetings

There was a discussion about resolutions going before the SCC.