

Date and Time: Thursday, July 27, 2023

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Attendees: Amy Walstien, Anthony Miller, Beth Tepper, Billie Annette, Bobbie Burnham, Chibuzo Ezeigbo, Chris Hendrickson, Dan Morgan, Dana Goodwin, David LaPorte, Dennis Olson, Eric Billiet, Ikram Mohamud, Jane Harstad, Jen Verbrugge, Jennifer Kunze, Jeremiah Ellis, Jessica Espinosa, Jon Peterson, Josiah Litant, Julie Selander, Kate Perushek, Katie McClelland, Krystle Igbo-Ogbonna, Lauryn Schothorst, Leanne Hoffman, Liz Williams, Maira Rosas-Lee, Megan Rozowski, Michelle Krell, Nancy Floyd, Nora Morris, Raina Killspotted, Rep. Nathan Coulter, Robert McMaster, Satasha Green-Stephen, Sen. Clare Oumou Verbeten, Sheila Hoffman, Stephanie Graff, Tyler Livingston, Wendy Robinson, Winnie Sullivan

Notes:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Josiah Litant

ED Litant welcomed everyone and invited new members and guests to introduce themselves.

2. Remarks from the Chair

Commissioner Dennis Olson

Chair Olson welcomed participants and thanked them for participating. The Chair shared his enthusiasm for the work that is happening and that the council will be doing in the coming months.

Chair Olson announced that Executive Committee member Stephanie Graff will be serving as Vice Chair of the Partnership, 7/2023-6/2025. In alignment with previous practice, Vice Chair Graff will then become chair at the conclusion of Chair Olson's term. Vice Chair Graff was thanked by Chair Olson for her willingness to step into this role.

The Chair provided an update about the legislative funding request for the Executive Director position. Unfortunately, the request did not make it through the legislative process. It was included as part of the OHE appropriation request, but the House did not move it forward. The Executive Committee will consider the best path forward, and perhaps there is an opportunity for a new funding request during the next legislative

session. In the meantime, thanks to the support of the Joyce Foundation, the MNP20 Executive Director position has consistent funding for another year and a half.

3. Literacy and educator workforce presentations

Minnesota Department of Education staff

Tyler Livingston, Supervisor of Educator Workforce Programs, presented and took questions on educator workforce policies resulting from the 2023 legislative session.

Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner, presented and took questions on literacy-related efforts resulting from the 2023 legislative session.

Both of these presentations will be made available to MNP20 members through the member virtual workspace, and to the public on the MNP20 website.

4. Bylaws update overview*

Josiah Litant

ED Litant reviewed the proposed changes to the Partnership's bylaws. These changes were shared as an attachment at the May meeting. Only one change has been made since, changing the language of the Executive Committee "co-chair" position to a "vice chair" position, for clarity. ED Litant walked the group through the changes to the bylaws. Jen Verbrugge (ECLDS) provided an overview of the changes to the SLEDS and ECLDS resolutions, which reflect the combining of the executive committee for those two bodies.

ED Litant asked if there were any questions or comments, and there were none. The vote on the bylaws will take place beginning next week to ensure compliance with the required ten-day notification period before a vote to change the bylaws takes place (notice of the impending vote was given with the agenda that was sent out last Thursday). Only voting members will receive correspondence to vote. Votes will be tracked and reported back to the group.

5. Executive Director updates

Josiah Litant

ED Litant provided a general overview of his work since the last meeting, and highlighted his priorities for the next two months. This presentation will be made available to MNP20 members through the member virtual workspace, and to the public on the MNP20 website.

After concluding his updates, ED Litant provided a presentation on the results of the MNP20 member survey that was conducted in May. This information is being used in ED Litant's structural recommendations for moving MNP20 forward, which he stated he is presenting to the Executive Committee in August, and to this group in the fall. The slides for this presentation are included with the ED update slides that will be made available

to P20 members through the member virtual workspace, and to the public on the P20 website.

ED Litant also shared that the September MNP20 meeting will be in-person, as feedback from the group largely supported at least one in-person meeting every year.

6. Member announcements, updates, questions

David LaPorte asked if there would be a virtual option for the September meeting. ED Litant said he will see what he can figure out with the space we will be using for the meeting (the space is not yet selected).

Nora Morris shared with the group about a grant that MDE, DEED, and OHE have applied to from Institute for Educational Sciences for our SLEDS and ECLDS work. We should hear if we received it in the next few weeks. It's a four-year grant for a total of approximately \$4m.

Bob McMaster said he thought it would be very important that we talk about the member survey at the Executive Committee retreat, make some decisions based on that feedback, and share those decisions back with the full group in September.

Chair Olson thanked everyone for their participation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59pm.