

# A9CC - Educational Access Committee

Area 9 Cable Council: <http://edaccess.a9cc.org/g/>

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**To:** A9CC Ed Access Committee Members  
**From:** Natalie Carrignan, Secretary  
**Re:** **Minutes of Meeting for February 12, 2024**

**Date:** February 12, 2024  
**Location:** Staples HS ([Virtual Link](#))

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## Attendance: (yellow highlight = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Tim McGuire
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino
Greenwich:	Sean Mayo- Excused
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
NCC:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Vacant
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan
Wilton:	Fran Kompar
Altice:	Esme Lombard

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Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:07 pm. 4 towns were represented; 5 districts/locations.

### 1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

- Approval of December 5, 2023. Tim motioned to approve. Fran seconded. Approved unanimously
- Missing 2023 Grant & iNet Reports- Hal asked Roman to go over the process etc. Serial numbers are very important. If a district decided to no longer participate, then those items would/could be transferred to another district. I-net reports are logs of content your district has aired on the channel. Altice submits those reports to the state as required.
- Full council meeting minutes say- INET is missing from: Darien Greenwich Norwalk Stamford Weston and Wilton, it was due on January 31, 2024. Darien had emailed Hal, but Tim will email him again. Grant reports- no one is late, but some Round 2 reports will be due within the 60 days which will be coming up soon.

### 2. 2024 Grant Program

- Specifics & Eligibility
- The money will arrive soon. \$125,000 from Altice. It will be split in half for E and G. A maximum of \$3,000 for technical services. Education deadline is September 11, 2024. Then the E side will divide it further based on their guidelines. Unused round 1 funds from the E side will go towards round 2 grants.

As of today there are 9 schools available, if that holds for next month, the Round 1 grant amount will be \$6,944.44

### 3. 2024 Access Awards

- Review 2023
- [The 2023 Video Access Awards Rules, Guidelines and Information](#) (to revise for 2024)
- Changes, Dates, etc
  - Update the submission form to include the total number of trophies needed for each entry if/when that entry is a winner- makes ordering easier
  - Tim motioned to consider having 3 per district per category for the 2024 A9CC contest. Frank seconded. Discussion 3 this year and reevaluate in June based on numbers of actual voting needed. Unanimously voted.
  - Please add in for the documentary- formal interviews, A and B roll, and is about something outside of school
  - School News Story and General Interest Story - we need to be more clear. School News Story, event that happens at school, change in menu, or a school faculty member; general interest is about feature story, not connected with school that. We will add back School News Story to the HS level
  - We need to make sure that it is clear the Repicky awards are equipment awards valued at x.
  - Fran has not been reimbursed for the food from last year. She submitted the receipts. Roman said that he will check in with Hal about where it is
  - Roman will reach out to Mike and Esme about this year's money so a professional poster can be designed etc.
  - Roman suggested that we talk about an in-person celebration night, maybe even at NCC with a sample showing
- Submissions due May 6, 2024
- Judging May 13, 2024
- Numbers for trophies for ordering to Roman by May 20, 2024
- For trophies to be ready by end of school year, we need the names to him sooner. Roman will reach out to him.
- Tim agreed to redesign the edaccess website. Edaccess.a9cc.org which resolves to <https://sites.google.com/view/edaccess>
- Target date to release info and publish new site is April 1, 2024.

### 4. Tech Showcase

- Discussion of new tech / ideas for 2024 Grant requests
- Tim requested a suggestion for a reliable easy mic to use at elementary level that works with ipads. Roman has a model, he will bring it in next time
- CSH is getting new studio lights, if the quote comes in at a good price and has a quality install then Dave will share

### 5. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- March 11, 2024 @ 4pm location TBD
- April 8, 2024 @ 4pm

- May 13 for judging

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm. Tim motioned to adjourn. Fran seconded. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by,  
Natalie Carrigan  
A9CC Ed Council Secretary