

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members **Date:** March 24, 2022
From: Natalie Carrigan, Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting (March 21, 2022) **Location:** Virtual ([Zoom Link](#))

Attendance: (yellow highlight & asterisk(*) = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Joan McGettigan*
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino*
Greenwich:	Michael Reid
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
NCC:	Julie Casper Roth* (until 5 pm)
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski*
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Gabe Tully* (last meeting)
Westport:	Natalie Carrigan*(until 5:30 pm)
Wilton:	Fran Kompar*
Altice:	Esme Lombard

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:11 pm. 7 towns were represented (7 districts).

Minutes from 12/08/2021 approved. Motion by Mike D'Agostino to approve the minutes; Fran Kompar seconded.

- 1. Review 2021 Grants & eligibility status**
 - a. Roman reviewed the grants and eligibility status.
 - b. Last round included grant for NCC and Wilton
 - c. This concludes the 2021 Grant year (New Canaan just needs to do their last grant report)
- 2. Review 2022 Access grant program**
 - a. It has been approved by the full A9CC Council
 - b. Total amount available to Education is \$66,000
 - c. Max \$2,500 for technical operations
 - d. Deadline is May 11, 2022. Roman would like to present something on Wednesday to Hal about possibly changing that date to better change the

education Round 1.

- e. The committee looked at criteria for dividing up the funds for Round 1. Based on attendance to date and number of meetings 8 entities are still eligible.
 - f. Based on the 8 districts, that means the equal pot would be \$8,250 per district.
 - g. With the limited meeting schedule this year, there is no way to qualify for Round 2. If right now we get \$12,500 approximately for Round 2, and joined the two together you could possibly get \$1,875. That could be for a larger combined grant of \$9,812.50. If we want to allow the combining of the two grants.
 - h. We agreed that by being flexible between the two rounds and based off past practice, we will allow for districts to request over the \$8,250 in round one with the understanding that overage would followed by a corresponding reduction to their portion of round 2.
3. **Review new 2022 grants**
- a. Wilton - The last grant we submitted had the head end (with district funds). This project is to upgrade the file server infrastructure. It is running out of space and is no longer sustainable. They do not want to use the cloud backup for the large video file storage. The total amount is. The server space is for the TV production material. Roman asked if the Latronic is what is playing it and it was uploaded to Cable? Fran said yes. This is for the archive of the video. Mike suggested that it is a storage of what can be compiled and shared on channel 78. Fran is requesting the grant for \$9,812.50. Motion to approve: Mike, seconded by Joan. Approved unanimously. Roman is going to email Hal.
4. **2022 Access Awards**
- a. Due date is May 1
 - b. Categories- questions if we could up the number of minutes for submissions?
 - c. Took out school news story- it seemed to be redundant, Roman suggested keeping it to entice school journalism/broadcast journalism programs. Fran will keep it.
 - d. Roman asked if this was celebration or contest? Fran thought we were going back to a contest. Mike asked if we have enough content. Roman said he won't have as much as usual. Joan said they ended up with no film class this year. Natalie said she might have a few, but not as many as in the past. Gabe doesn't think Weston will have anything. We agreed to run it with what we get. We can recategorize the films if we need to. Mike said it is good to at least move forward with baby steps at least to be able to move into next year we have momentum.
 - e. Roman asked if we are going to commit to judging? Mike asked if we could send out the videos to review. Roman said the communication stated the point system and said if we are not going to do points, we should just say what the criteria is without the points to set up the expectations for students more clearly. All agreed. Fran is going to make the changes.

- f. Fran did a PDF poster for us. She has some small edits to make and then it will be ready. Mike suggested we make sure Altice's name is on the poster since they will fund it.
- g. Fran created the signup Google form as well.
- h. Everyone agreed to look everything over quickly once the edits were made for one last look and then we can get it out to the students ASAP.
- i. **Roman will take the funding letter for prizes to Esme.**

5. Covid Re-entry discussion

- a. Roman said we are a mixed group and we all have different perspectives.
- b. Roman said he is finding the students are not wanting to do really good work as they had a softer year the last year and half. Real challenge to get to collaborate and interact with one another.
- c. Gabe agreed and said since masks mandate has lifted, things seem to have improved.
- d. Natalie said her team has determined they need to reteach the accountable student talk moves and resetting routine of school.
- e. Frank echoed what others are seeing through her observations.
- f. Joan has seen the tech use gone below pre-pandemic use.

6. Next Meeting (Natalie had to leave)

- a. Month xxth, 20xx at (location).

Motion to adjourn by (Name); (Name) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at x:xx pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrignan
Secretary