

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members
From: Natalie Carrignan, Secretary
Re: **Minutes of Meeting for September 12, 2023**

Date: September 12, 2023
Location: Virtual ([Zoom Link](#))

Attendance: (yellow highlight = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	<i>Vacant</i>
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino
Greenwich:	Sean Mayo
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
NCC:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman- joined at 4:40
Weston:	<i>Vacant</i>
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan
Wilton:	Fran Kompar
Altice:	Esme Lombard

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:07 pm. 6 towns were represented; 8 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Approval of [June 12, 2023 Minutes](#). Natalie motioned to approve. Fran seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Committee Members/Changes

- Roman has agreed to continue as chair
- Natalie has agreed to continue as secretary
- Fran will help support the contest chair, but with her half time position another person needs to take the lead.
- We need a website manager. Julie has agreed to be the website manager. [Natalie will get the permissions set up for her and share the links.](#)

3. Grants

- Overview of 2023 Grants & eligibility
 - Dave went over the grant spreadsheet and who is currently eligible for grants. 6 schools were eligible for the 2023 Round 1 grants
 - This school year and this meeting (Sept. 12) starts the eligibility process for the Spring 2024 grants.
 - Roman offered to meet separately with Alec to go over the differences between the A9CC full committee meetings and the EdAccess meetings.
- Grant Proposals

- **Wilton** - Fran presented her grant. It is for HUDL equipment to expand their ability to broadcast more games. Total \$9,852 with \$3,000 of it for technical operators. The district is covering additional costs. Julie motioned to approve. Mike seconded. Passed unanimously
 1. Roman asked- How is the content getting on Channel 78? Fran said students will pull the content and create highlight reels for Channel 78 during the sportscasting class.
- **Easton/Redding** - Mike presented his grant. The higher quality projectors will increase the quality of the broadcasts. Total \$10,997.32. The district is covering additional costs. Frank motioned to approve. David seconded. Passed unanimously.
 1. Roman asked- How will the projector add to the broadcast? Mike explained how it will increase quality and readability.
- **CSH** - David presented his grant. They now have over 80 students creating content so he is asking for more cameras and photo peripherals. Total \$10,825.99. Natalie motioned to approve. Mike seconded. Passed unanimously.
- **Westport** - Natalie presented her grant. She is requesting a PTZ camera and new microphones for the BOE live broadcasts and recorded rebroadcasts on Channel 78. Total is for \$11,182.00. Mike motioned to approve. David seconded. Passed unanimously.
- **New Canaan** - Roman presented his grant. They are trying to streamline their projects and making it all NDI so they can produce more broadcasts. The equipment requested would allow for that and easier setup. Total is for \$9,869.00 for equipment and \$1,000 for technical operations. Fran motioned to approve. Julie seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. Access Awards Recap

- Trophy Update- Roman has the trophies. Roman wants to discuss the bill.
 - Please work with Roman on how best to get the trophies for your student winners.
 - He was able to get medallions for all participants. (170 in total) as well as trophies for those who placed.
 - We need to determine best way to spend the full amount of funds provided to us (\$6,000 in total)
 - Roman suggested we spend up to \$3,000 for trophies.
 - Roman suggested that we should spend funds on high quality promotional materials.
 - David clarified and Roman agreed - we said in May we would adjust the award given for Repicky winners.
 - Fran suggested giving the HS Repicky a higher amount than the elementary and middle school
 - There was discussion and agreement
 - Fran asked if it was possible to give anything to the previous year's group of winners even if it is just for the Repicky awards or Repicky's and 1st-3rd place winners.
 - David agreed that we should give Repicky trophies for the previous year
 - Mike agreed that for this would help

- Roman mentioned that the person who hosts and provides the food should be refunded as well. Fran will confirm the cost for last year. She thinks it was around \$300.
- **Dave made a motion to fund the Repicky trophies for both the 2022 and 2023 school years and to set the Repicky equipment award for 2023 for \$1000 for HS and \$500 for elementary and \$500 middle school. Julie seconded. Passed unanimously.**
- Funding for next year- food for judging, publicity, etc.
 - Dave suggested getting an estimate for the rough amount for the trophies early in the year to help with budgeting
 - If we raise the Repicky this year, Fran would not want the Repicky to be reduced in subsequent years
 - Others agreed

5. Upcoming Meeting Schedule- Next Meeting

- End of last year we determined that the second Tuesday of the month was best for this year.
- October 10, 2023 @ 4 pm (in person- would help with trophy distribution)
- November 14, 2023 @ 4pm
- December 12, 2023 @ 4pm
- January 9, 2024 @ 4pm
- February 13, 2024 @ 4pm
- March 12, 2024 @ 4pm
- April 9, 2024 @ 4pm
- May TBD for judging

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm. Fran motioned to adjourn. Mike seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrigan,
Secretary