

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

Area 9 Cable Council, 17 Crawford Road, Westport, CT 06880 | <http://edaccess.a9cc.org/>

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members **Date:** October 15, 2015
From: Fran Kompar, Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting (October 15, 2019) **Location:** Wilton High School

ATTENDANCE: (yellow highlight & asterisk*) = present

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Joan McGettigan*
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino*
Greenwich:	Sean Mayo*
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani*
NCC:	Peter Gould*
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski*
Norwalk:	Kyle Seaburg (absent)
Stamford:	<i>unfilled</i>
Weston:	Gabe Tully (absent)
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan*
Wilton:	Fran Kompar*
Altice:	<i>unfilled</i>

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 7 towns were represented (11 districts).

Roman called a motion to approve the 9.16.19 Minutes. Motion to approve by (Peter Gould) to approve the minutes; (David) seconded. All were in favor

1. Grant Update - Roman and David presented

- a. \$22,000 remaining in grants as well as \$23,000 additional. The Full Cable Council added the additional funds rounding it up to \$45,000 total
- b. Round 2 grants will be presented today. Deadline of Round 2 grants will be presented at the full Council meeting on December 9th. All Round 2 grants will need to be presented at December 2nd Educational Committee meeting for consideration and approval
- c. Mike D'Agostino raised the issue of 50% of meeting attendance and asked for clarification. Mike made a motion to clarify the number of meetings per year to better understand the requirement of 50% of attendance. Peter seconded the motion and asked a clarifying question on the motion cancelled meetings would count as attendance to the meetings by the A9CC representative or a designee. Discussion followed. Roman raised the need to share Council responsibilities such as grant administrator, chairperson, secretary, awards coordinator.

Mike revised his Motion as follows: The A9CC Educational Committee will hold 8 meetings a year in 2019-20. Thus, in order to qualify for a grant, a district must attend a minimum of 4 meetings (50%); cancelled meetings will be credited a positive for each member; and absences at three consecutive meetings will disqualify a district for grants in the subsequent year. In addition, to ensure there is content available on Channel 78 from all representative districts, the Committee Chair will notify district superintendents following two absences of their designee. Peter seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed by the committee unanimously

D. Sean made a motion for Greenwich to receive a waiver for the Round 2 grant funds based on the Greenwich representation despite not meeting attendance requirements during the previous school year. 6 voted in favor and 1 opposed. Roman made a motion that the amount of funding cannot be changed for today's grant proposals based on this approved motion. Five districts will be presenting today including Greenwich

2. Grant Proposals

- a. **Darien** - \$7427.57 - foundational steps to creating a broadcast program. Based on the PadCaster Studio based on ease-of-use for younger students. Natalie made a motion to approve. Fran seconded. The grant was approved
- b. **Easton/Redding** - \$7,493.64 - Safe, secure manner of ensuring that we are safeguarding the TriCaster production, for student events, poetry out loud. Fran motioned to approve and Peter seconded. Grant was approved.
- c. **Greenwich** - \$7501.48 - Trying to re-establish Channel 78 broadcasting. Grant was approved with one abstention
- d. **New Canaan** - \$7,500.38 Roman presented the proposal to expand broadcasting to an elementary school. Second part of the grant is to complete the project from their Round 1 grant. Also includes \$2,000 for technical operators. Motion to approve from Natalie, Dave seconded. Grant approved unanimously
- e. **Wilton** proposal - Upgrade of audio and video. Mike moved to approve and David seconded. Grant approved unanimously for \$7527.59.

The total remaining amount is now \$7549.34 that will be presented at the December meeting by Convent of the Sacred Heart and Westport

3. Sharing

- a. [Rode Microphone Go](#) shared by Roman as a wireless audio solution

4. Next Meeting

- a. The following meeting will take place on December 2, 2019 and will be held in Westport.

Motion to adjourn by Mike; Peter seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Following the meeting the members participated in a tour of the Wilton High School TV Studio featuring a new mobile broadcast system, newly-redesigned anchor desk, classroom and green screen section. The Wilton High School TV instructor, Mrs. Maria Naeem and the Wilton Educational TV student leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Kompar
Secretary