

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members **Date:** October 13, 2020
From: Natalie Carrignan, Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting for October 13, 2020 **Location:** Virtual

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

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

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:09 pm. 8 towns were represented (8 districts).

Minutes from 9/15/2020 approved. Motion by Mike to approve the minutes; Joan seconded.

- 1. Grant Upload** - Roman asked each district to upload their grant form into the Resources section in the A9CC Google Folder. Once in Resources go to Grants to Grants 2020 to your town. Upload any helpful additional documents.
 - a. Roman updated access rights for members
 - b. Will ask Hal if PDFs are now ok. If so, we will share the Grant folder with Hal
- 2. Grant Review** (David)
 - a. David needs to update attendance from last meeting
 - b. Fran and Mike were approved, they are both withdrawing and resubmitting
 - c. Mike made a motion to withdraw both, David seconded. All approved
- 3. Grant Proposals**- David could send them all at once if they are all uploaded. We are emailing word versions to Hal and cc'ing David and then David is sending PDF versions to Hal w signatures.

- a. **New Canaan-** Similar to what Wilton is doing. We are covering a lot more events to compensate for limited in-person attendance. Teamed up with Althetics to cover as many events as possible. HUDL camera is always a wide shot. We have been asked to cover as many games as possible. Three games this week alone. Kids have schedule and invoice slips. Have minimum one camera, producers, and announcers - all get paid. Trying to cut down our set up time. Do not have SDI cameras, all HDMI, converters can be finicky. Want to try SDI camera w rocker switch. Want to create more greenscreen segments. Put in some items Fran recommended for that. He also wants to have more creative shots in some other projects and so some replacement GoPro kits are in it. Monitor for reply system and extra Rode video mics. Mike made motion to approve. Fran seconded. All approved.
- b. **Westport-** The current tricastor died. They want to use their grant to pay a portion of a tricastor replacement. Westport is covering the full cost of the analog downgrade so the cafeteria (BOE mtg cameras) cameras still work. That will be a future grant request to upgrade. Mike approved. Joan seconded. All approved.
- c. **Wilton-** An amendment to what was presented last time. Our sports are being streamed. To provide for our kids to stream the kids found out they need a larger server. All of what is in the grant is for them to build out the new server. The \$6,400 is the old grant in the middle. Working on B&H prices from this morning has the additional equipment. The \$2,500 is for technical operations. It needs to be a line item. Fran has exact cost listed properly at the top. Fran said the cost is too low for operations. Roman suggested she reach out to the AD. David motioned to approve. Joan seconded the motion. All approved. Roman asked Fran to upload the correct final version.
- d. **Darien-** Our content has been severely curtailed with pandemic. Most sports are gone. Have been talking about how kids can have creative outlets. Talking about podcasting. Want to create two spaced in high school, one for faculty, that will be lesser version. One space at MS. Provide audio and video content for the channel 78 and school channels. Variety of things to share is ways in curricular areas where they can demo understanding of content. Political debate. Talks about music, sports, etc. Talk about their own published books and invite guest authors in and have admins do presentations for parenting, etc. instead of PTA coffees. Similar to what NC did. Mike motioned to approve. Fran seconded. All approved.
- e. **R9-** Wants to expand content by including auditorium in our system to include public speakers and seminars. Cameras currently in Learning Commons for BOE meetings. Have 6-8 guest speakers a year. Looking to get three more PTZ cameras and mounts. Laptop will control cameras and webcaster to send to YouTube. Need to revise under wiring to \$805. The wiring is designed to run straight from camera to tricastor instead of over the high ceilings. The tricastor will be wired back to headend. Joan motioned to approve. Gabe seconded. All approved.
- f. **Sacred Heart-** purchasing another camera and lens and 3 lens for cameras from prior grant. Ozmo phone gimbal is CoVID related, students' using own phones to film. This supports them. They have purchased other things from their regular operating budget

for this purpose. Traditionally not done a lot with wireless mic, but have put some in to try again. The wireless helps with CoVID because it helps with movement and maintaining social distancing instead of being stuck with wired limits. They bought Rode directional mics that plug right into lightning port. Roman and Gabe are having trouble getting iOS devices to recognize external mics. They want to see how David was doing this. Mike motioned to approved. Paula seconded. All approved. Joan used podcaster versco and it worked with the ipod touches.

- i. Roman shared how to sign up as an Omnia partner with B&H to get the best pricing up front. You get the best pricing up front first.
4. Talked about Norwalk Community college. They did not have a rep at this meeting. We held their money just in case. A letter should go to NCC about needing a rep. This is for this year so they need to have a letter sent. Roman will [send letter](#). Norwalk school district should also get a notification too.
5. Fran asked about unfilled positions. Should those districts get a letter too. Mike said they should because it gives them a heads up. It won't hurt to send it. Based on this will send letter to Greenwich just so they are aware.
6. To help with this part of the grant section it would be good to always start with the attendance spreadsheet.
7. \$9,000 returned to pool into Uverse pot and we will have a Round 2 on Full Council finalizes grant amounts.
- 8. 2021 Access Awards**
 - a. Natalie has switched to secretary and so someone needs to take up Access Awards chair
 - b. Without a new chair we won't be able to have the contest this year
 - c. Roman asked for volunteers...
 - d. Mike asked if we are going to have Access Awards this year with pandemic. Last spring it was cancelled because everything was shut down across the state. Roman would like to assume we are more prepared to do distance learning and we most likely will have content. We can decide later. Should make final decision by January.

9. Technology Showcase

- a. Roman asked if anyone had tech to share

10. Next Meeting

- a. November 30, 2020 at (Virtual) at 4 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Fran ; Mike seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrigan
Secretary