

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:** December 4, 2019
From: Fran Kompar, Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting (December 4, 2019) **Location:** Staples High School

ATTENDANCE: (yellow highlight & asterisk*) = present

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

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 1:43 pm. 8 towns were represented (11 districts).

Minutes from 10/15/19 approved. Motion by Mike to approve the minutes; Dave seconded.

1. Old Business

- a. Changes to minutes- comments were put in the minutes by Roman, he didn't feel comfortable with directly editing the minutes. Full counsel mtg is Dec 9, Greenwich grant is for production equipment, comments can change to permanent changes- Mike and Peter vote to approve as corrected
- b. Mike- Should be an easier way to access the minutes, Joan is working on starting the website back up

2. Agenda Item- Grants

- a. CSH- presented grant, Mike motion to approve, second Peter, Discussion, none, all in favor- unanimous
- b. Greenwich is not accepting their grant money, it will come back to the A9CC ed group, best if we use it now if we can or it will get split with ed access and govt. access
- c. Note that equipment received through the grant process belongs to Optimum Altice. The Grant reports include the inventory number of all itemized equipment providing a record for the Council.
- d. Stamford Public Schools has a new representative, Paula Ward, who will be joining

- us in future meetings.
- e. For New Canaan - creating a Podcasting studio. Total grant requested is \$3,571.24. The breakdown is \$3071.24 for equipment and \$500.00 for technical operators. This equipment provides lots of possibilities to expand into a radio broadcast.
 - f. Region 9 - Mike presented three possible grants for consideration:
 - i. #1 - \$2,480 for camera equipment
 - ii. #2 - \$7501.48 for a NewTek TriCaster (½ of the full price of \$14,995) - should be the most contemporary equipment which costs less -
 - iii. #3 - \$4,999.00 for camera and switcher
 - g. Natalie made a motion to discuss, David seconded. Options were discussed. Roman suggested that Mike purchase a system that would cost \$11,500. This includes a BirdDog PTZ Keyboard (\$1210.95) and the TriCaster 410 (\$9757.14). Mike will revise his grant to combine with the previous grant.
 - h. Roman from New Canaan revised her grant to equipment only \$3071.24. Fran made the motion. David seconded, unanimous in favor.
 - i. Mike in Region 9 to present a grant in the amount of \$4,427.10 to complete. Natalie made the motion. Peter seconded. All in favor.

3. Updates

- a. NCC is researching a purchase for a drone in the past. The equipment was damaged and Peter will file a disposal form. They are also researching cameras that have not been reported in grant reports. Peter reported that they will continue to track down and create an inventory.
- b. Website for A9CC Links includes downloadable forms - we'd like to continue to improve our access to grants. At this point, members should email grants to David Pisani.

4. Access Awards

- a. Rules must be published by February. We will be dedicating the February meeting to review and prepare the rules for publishing. We will need help and support for the Educational Access Awards.
- b. Natalie referred the Committee to the AAA Rules for 2019 in the Google Drive folder -<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bJC5fYOCz94opBuG3wXWjp0daiKS7zUxvUrOEb6DfGY/edit?usp=sharing>
- c. Roman expressed that we are trying to make the Contest easier and more meaningful by streamlining it and focusing on student creation.

5. Attendance to Committee

- a. Roman will be drafting a letter to be sent to Superintendent at the Weston and Norwalk for missing two meetings this year.

6. Share

- a. PTZ camera was shared by Roman. It has a good zoom - Power of Internet, can be mounted. Has HDMI, SD, audio in/out. Costs about \$2500.
- b. Swivl is used with an iPad for recording teachers or streaming.

7. Next Meeting

- a. February 3rd, 2020 at location TBD.

Motion to adjourn by Mike; Fran seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Kompar
Secretary