

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members Date: December 9, 2024
From: Natalie Carrignan, Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting for December 9, 2024 Location: Virtual ([Google Meet Link](#))

Attendance: (yellow highlight = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Tim McGuire
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino
Greenwich:	Sean Mayo
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
CSCC-Norwalk:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski - popped in
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Vacant
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan
Wilton:	Maria Brecee
Altice:	Esme Lombard

Natalie called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:09 pm. 4 towns were represented; 5 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Approval of [November 11, 2024 minutes](#) Maria motioned to approve. Tim seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Access Awards

- Review of the process- Maria was happy to have been part of it last year.
- What questions do we want to consider this year
 - Tim wanted to know if we are open to AI generated video content creation/content use, or use of AI audio and if so portion or entire submission
 - Dave- in his class this year for the first time, for the voiceover project got an AI to read their script, you can prompt the script, there are different levels, what if there is an AI category
 - Maria was wondering if we could think about a short film category, could we do 5-7 minute. The narrative limit is 4 minutes. Maybe we don't watch their full film
 - Maria was wondering if an Adult assisted at the HS level. We have had a lot of special ed students entering the classes with para assistants.
 - Maria would like to use of only Google Drive to put in submissions for this year's consideration. Then Maria can play the videos for the judging categories and also for showing the larger council in May if we don't feel we need a formal reel. It will take less time.

- Review of pieces needed
 - **Poster/Advertisement materials-** Roman would like to use Canva to make a nice flyer, who would do it, due dates, etc. Tim doesn't mind making the poster in Canva. Roman had also talked about getting the posters professionally printed.
 - **Judging Rubric-** we should review for any changes, none was suggested at this time.
 - **Repicky award amounts-** most agreed to keep it if we have the extra funds again to keep HS at \$1,000 and MS and EL at \$500. This is an equipment award for the school, not a cash award for school or student.
 - **Rules document-** no changes suggested at this time, will need to update based on outcomes of discussions listed above.
 - **Google form to collect the applications-** We need to make sure all of the schools are listed.
 1. We need to add Middlesex Middle School- MMSD.
 2. If a student did the project alone, it keeps asking who else worked on it, can we say N/A or just add yourself again? Can we add guidance in a subheading for that section? Tim will work on this
 - **Updating rules/Google form on the website-** Tim said he would work on this for us when ready
 - **Medals for individuals?** Y/N - YES
 - **Trophies for schools for winners?** Y/N - YES
 - **Special Repicky award trophies for winners?** Y/N - YES
 - **Highlight reel of winners for full council (and districts) by May 28, 2024**
- Scheduling dates/deadlines for ourselves.
 - Final decisions on rules, etc - Jan 13 or Jan 31
 - Poster design- Feb 10
 - Posting/promoting of contest starts.... February 24/25
 - When entries forms are due- May 2, 2024
 - When entries are due to committee- May 8
 - **Judging day-** First suggestion is Monday, May 12- we are checking school calendars- CSH last day of classes is Monday, May 19
- Sports Category proposed details
 - Highlight reel- up to 90 secs
 - Play-by-play - up to 3 minute section of the best call
 1. Do we do it by one entry per school and they pick the various pairs
 2. Or it could be one pair (one announcer team) for three minutes over multiple games or single game
 3. Must be matched to footage and not just a podcast
 4. Must be aired on Channel 78 just as the other submissions are
- Any other proposed changes to process/categories/definitions

3. New Business-

- None brought forward

4. Upcoming Meeting Schedule- Next Meeting

- January 13, 2025 @ 4pm
- February 10, 2025 @ 4pm (Greenwich break)
- March 10, 2025 @ 4pm
- April 14, 2025 @ 4pm (Westport & Darien have spring break, Wilton is the week after,)
- May TBD for judging

We need to all check out Feb., March, April schedules

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm. Maria motioned to adjourn. Dave seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrignan,
Secretary