

## **Educator Professional Development Requirements Task Force**

Thursday, November 3, 2016

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Connecticut State Department of Education, Room 307B

**Present:** Kimberly Audet, Dan Hansen, Kate Field, Kathy Greider, Kristin Heckt, Shannon Marimón, Gary Maynard, Patrice McCarthy, Sheila McKay, Chris Todd

**Not Present:** Jack Cross, V. Everett Lyons, Steve McKeever

### **Meeting Minutes**

Shannon Marimón began the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The October 6, 2016 minutes were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve minutes. Kristen Heckt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Shannon Marimón updated the task force on the work that was done at the October 22 optional meeting. She referenced the draft report in the folder and provided time for everyone to review the report at the meeting.

After reviewing the report, the group discussed and identified the following to be added to the report:

- Emphasize the focus on the achievement gap, the resources needed, and equity and excellence;
- Emphasize high-quality professional learning aligned to Connecticut General Statute 10-148a;
- Emphasize the increase in mandated professional learning within the last 10 years;
- Describe the problem upfront and the struggle districts face to provide time for both mandatory training and professional learning to support teaching and learning;
- Describe the limited number of professional learning hours districts provide;
- Describe the need to align training to the CT Definition of Professional Learning and the CT Standards for Professional Learning;
- Describe the cost to complete mandated training (i.e., time, people, technology); and
- Recommend the establishment of a formal body to continue the Professional Development Task Force work.

A small group will convene within the next two weeks to revise the report. The task force will review another draft of the report at the next meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.