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**MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2021  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL  
AND/OR IN PERSON ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

- John Weldon - BRIDGEPORT
- Chris Hocker - EASTON/REG. 9
- Karen Hirsh - GREENWICH
- Suzanne Koroshetz - NORWALK
- Margaret Stamatis - RIDGEFIELD
- Kate Kutash - SHELTON
- Andy George - STAMFORD (Vice President)
- Mike Ward - TRUMBULL (Secretary)
- Melissa Walker - WESTON
- Karen Kleine - WESTPORT (President)

**ABSENT:**

- Vacant - DARIEN
- Trisha Pytko - FAIRFIELD
- Vacant - MONROE
- Vacant - NEW CANAAN
- Vincent Faggella - STRATFORD
- Debbie Low - WILTON

**C.E.S.:**

**PRESENT:** Chip Dumais, Chris LaBelle, Anna Nelmes-Stoughton, Mike McGrath, Peggy Sullivan, Ivy Guzman, Lori Elliott, Eric Nyquist, Suzanne Clement, Stephanie Wanzer, President, CESEA.  
**GUESTS:** Julia Murphy, C.E.S. Teacher of the Year; Jamel Small, C.E.S. Paraprofessional of the Year.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

President Karen Kleine called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Quorum was confirmed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Karen Kleine and seconded by Mike Ward, the minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chip welcomed Suzanne Koroshetz who will be participating through November as the Norwalk representative.

- 1 1. Introduction of CES Teacher of the Year – Julia Murphy: Chip introduced Julia  
2 who has been a teacher in the Preschool Learning Center since 2018. Julia  
3 thanked CES for this recognition and looks forward to representing CES at the  
4 State level.  
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- 6 2. Introduction of CES Paraprofessional of the Year – Jamel Small: Chip  
7 introduced Jamel who works in the Transitional Learning Center and has been  
8 with CES for seven years. Jamel thanked CES for this recognition as well.  
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- 10 3. Stephanie Wanzer welcomed everyone back for the new school year.  
11 Stephanie continues her role as the president of the CESEA. New teachers will  
12 be meeting next week with the union. Stephanie reported that she has been  
13 appointed to the State’s Task Force for Special Education Services and  
14 Funding by the CEA. Karen offered her congratulations to Stephanie on behalf  
15 of the Board.  
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17 **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

18 On a motion by Karen Kleine and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Consent  
19 Agenda was unanimously approved.  
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21 **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 22 1. On a motion by Karen Kleine and seconded by Chris Hocker, the Board  
23 unanimously approved the revised engagement letter from Venman & Co.,  
24 LLC, in the amount of \$15,000.  
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- 26 2. Chip presented a draft of his goals to the Board. Goals were reviewed and  
27 feedback given to Chip. Board members were asked to contact Chip with  
28 any questions or suggestions by the end of next week. Final goals will be  
29 distributed to the Board at that time.  
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31 **VI. REPORTS – SEE MINUTE MARK 34:09 FOR REPORTS & DISCUSSION OF**  
32 **FUTURE REVISIONS TO REPORT FORMAT IN VIDEO LINK BELOW:**  
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- 34 1. **Representative Council President** – Karen Kleine
- 35 2. **Executive Director** – Chip Dumais
- 36 3. **Associate Executive Director** – Chris LaBelle
- 37 4. **Director, Professional Development Services** – Lori Elliott
- 38 5. **Principal, Regional Center for the Arts** – Eric Nyquist
- 39 6. **Principal, Six to Six** – Anna Nelmes-Stoughton
- 40 7. **Director of Finance & Operations** – Peggy Sullivan
- 41 8. **Director, Special Education** – Mike McGrath
- 42 9. **Director, School Readiness** – Ivy Guzman
- 43 10. **Early Childhood Coordinator** – Suzanne Clement  
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1        **Link for video of meeting:**  
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7        **VII.    ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Mike Ward and seconded by Karen Kleine,  
8        the Council unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

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11        Respectfully submitted,  
12        *Barbara Pace*  
13        Barbara Pace  
14        Recording Secretary