

WEST VIRGINIA CIVICS COALITION
ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Attending: Rebecca Tinder (President), Betsy Osborne (Vice President), John Quesenberry (Secretary) Ace Parsi, Dustin Lambert, David King, Margaret Miller, Pat Dillon, Tom Tinder

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2023 MEETING

July 18, 2023 minutes approved by acclamation.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM FISCAL AGENT – BYRD CENTER

- In absence of Ray Smock (Treasurer), there was no new financial update.
- Procedure is in place, but Coalition has not approved or incurred any expenses, as yet.

III. INFORMATION GATHERING

A. Report on Needs Assessment

- Betsy led a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed survey form. Changes have been made to the original document based upon comments and feedback from Coalition members.
- The survey form has been broken down into separate sections for teachers and administrators with administrators having a broad definition.
- Based upon the availability of the grant money, it was decided that incentives would be provided to survey completers.
- The questions on the survey form were reviewed and the following decisions were made:
 1. Create an opening statement explaining who we are and what we hope to learn and do with the information from the survey.
 2. Add option for open-ended responses to all sections.
 3. Add wording reflecting students with disabilities to all sections.
 4. Change wording to “civic learning”.
 5. Omit the “covid” questions.
 6. Separate sections for teachers and administrators (some items will be in both sections).
 7. Review the survey for a minority/bias review – wording.

Betsy will have the edits we suggested during the meeting on the shared document by Aug. 25 and we have until September 8 to make comments. We will wait for the results of the survey to determine if we need a listening tour.

IV. WEBSITE-

Brief discussion on website.

Margaret will check with Career and Technical schools to see if they have a program that can take this on at a reasonable cost.

V. CIVICS CONTENT STANDARDS UPDATE–

Dustin Lambert reported that the committee is in the early stages of review and revision.

7th grade world history and high school world history may have significant edits.

The personal finance component will be removed from the high school civics course.

Once the committee has finished their work there will be a review by internal stakeholders and by external stakeholders, there will be a comment period – then the document goes to the State BOE.

VI. MEETINGS – THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 4:00PM

There being no further business to transact, the Zoom meeting was adjourned.