

**COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF VERMONT
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES
Montpelier Elks, Montpelier, VT
November 6, 2015**

Approved

CHSVT Present: Jack Carson, Jeff Cassarino, Marina Cole, Chris Cosgrove, John Cross, Sean Dobbin, Pauline Dwyer, Jerry Fortin, Laurette Garrand, Angie Haggett, Harmony Harriman, Lisa Harrington, John Howe, Marlena Hughes, Molly Humphrey, Ben Irish, Mike Lacoss, Dana Lesperance, Tod Lessard, John Long, Paul Major, Troy McAllister, Jan Noskey, Wilhelmina Picard, Broni Plucas, Mary Poulos, Nick Rulon, Bob Salzman, Sheila Sayah, Bobbi Shutts, Jeanne Smith, Bill Storz, Sharon Strange, Claire Swaha, Chad Thompson, Scott Tomlinson, John Vorder Bruegge, Matt Ware

CHSVT Absent: Charity Baker, Dan Hescoek

NEASC Committees in-person check-in – Dana

Committees looking at accuracy of the report. Highlighting and making changes.

Indicator Work: Defining our Safety Net – Troy

It was decided that the work groups would be tabled until December. Instead, worked on clarification of the work being done as a whole group.

Safety Net: Baseline expected minimally to teach and student expected to demonstrate (ultimate goal).

Some examples/ideas for understanding and including indicators in a course

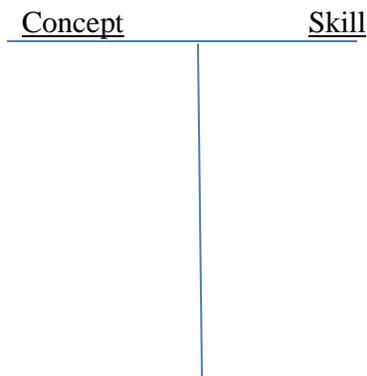
- Shared ideas for students to meet indicators
- Possible projects students can complete to meet indicator
- Break down into language student understands
- Student decides what to do to meet indicator
- Tell student “why” learning. Adult learners engage more when given more information
- Toolbox of examples
- Build course around standard/indicators to meet needs of a group

Example of process/tool that can be used to breakdown a standard or indicator for better understanding.

Concept (noun/phrases)

skill (verbs)

Draw words from description



School Professional Development – Marina

Writing Assessment Instruction

Announcements – Wilhelmina

Information received from a VT Digger article discussed probable move of the Barre campus to allow for Barre DCF office to be located in court house. More information will be shared as known.

The St. Johnsbury campus is also moving to make more room for the probation and parole office. The campus will be moving downstairs in the same building.

New employee: Jake Petrasch will be joining Mary Poulos on Monday, November 9th.

Vermont Cedar Chair Company will begin its partnership with NSCF next week.

Central Office will be moving back to Waterbury on December 19th. Be advised that our computers will be disassembled in the afternoon on the 18th and we will only be available by phone.

Admin Team meeting on Tuesday about staffing needs.

FY15 CHSVT Annual Report posted online. Will not be published at this time due to cost.

Discussion about requests from outside interest groups bringing college courses to offenders. Wilhelmina will be discussing pros/cons and logistics with Program Services Director, Kim Bushey.

Bennington P&P and CHSVT working on Day Reporting Center model. Preliminary results. More information as department moves forward.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

John Cross made a motion to approve the October faculty meeting minutes. Jan Noskey seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

Beryle Gardner Committee Elections

One vacancy from Cara's retirement. Current members: Paul, Chad, Bill, John C.

Jan Noskey volunteered for the vacancy.

Security Issues – Dana

Dana stressed the importance of security, particularly in the facilities. If an offender is not enrolled or is not scheduled to be in education at a particular time, **THEY SHOULD NOT BE IN EDUCATION**. Facility security rules are non-negotiable. Please be diligent!!!

Vermont Humanities

Wilhelmina handed out information on another Vermont Humanities opportunity and encouraged everyone to consider participating with their students.

Sharon Renault

John Howe wrote and shared a very stirring piece to honor Sharon. It was very moving and very much appreciated as a way to have closure that some of us had felt was lacking. Thank you again John, for your heartfelt words!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Sayah