

**Principal's Center Board of Directors
Minutes
January 16, 2014**

Present: Joe DiBacco, Chip Dumais, Brian Hendrickson, Dave Huber, Everett Lyons, Susan Muirhead, Ellen Retelle, Angela Rossbach; Colleen Weiner

Chairman Chip Dumais called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Center Co-Director Ev Lyons provided an extensive summary of the Center's activities since July 1, 2013. These activities included:

- Conducting training sessions for both the administrative and teacher evaluation systems for the state and for individual districts,
- Convening a workgroup to investigate the reshaping of the role of the principal,
- Collecting sample administrative SLOs for state publication,
- Developing training modules for components of SEED (Currently, the mid-year conference module is on the SEED website.), and
- Developing a survey and focus group protocol to assess principal experiences with SEED.

Dr. Ellen Retelle , CCSU representative, gave the committee an update on the work CCSU is doing to redesign several of their leadership programs. She also reported on research and technical support work underway in several districts relative to SEED.

The committee spent considerable time discussing their experiences with SEED as building administrators. While all agreed that SEED has a noble purpose, issues were arising with assessment quality, paperwork burdens and the impact on direct observational time. Several members expressed their perceptions that the quality of discussion with teachers appears to be deeper than in years past.

With the promotion of Chairman Dumais to the Superintendent of Schools for Region 5, a new chairman will need to be appointed as the CAS bylaws call for all committee chairpersons to be sitting principals or assistant principals.

The next meeting will be held March 4, 2014 at CAS at 4:00 p.m. The agenda will include:

1. Discussion of Future Work for the Center
2. Alignment of Common Core to SEED
3. Smarter Balance Concerns
4. Other Common Core Issues

Respectfully Submitted,

Everett Lyons