



ELO

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

9:00am - 12:00pm

DOE's Walker Building, RM 100

21 S. Fruit Street, Concord

Agenda

- **Welcome** (Name, Organization)
- **ELO Data Collection Overview** (Commissioner Frank Edelblut)
- **Updates from ELO Network Leadership Team**
- **UNH BioMade ELO Opportunities** (Stephen Hale)
- **Regional Updates**
- **Regional Network Needs Assessment and Work Time**

Attendees

1. Marisa Dardagiannopoulos, Nashua High Schools
2. Dawn Breault, Hollis Brookline High School
3. Doug Cullen, Pinkerton Academy
4. Kerrie Alley, Sanborn Regional High School
5. Lisa Keny, VLACS
6. Marybeth Hammond, GSIL
7. Amy Tietjen Smith, CRTC WBL Specialist
8. Dayna Jackson, Conant High School
9. Daniel Westhaven, Greely High School (Maine)
10. Katelyn Cashorali, HDHS
11. Donna Couture, Winnacunnet High School
12. Deborah Connell, Fall Mountain Regional School District CTE
13. Joy Gobin, Lebanon High School
14. Angela Bourassa, Manchester Central High School

15. Anne Banks, CCSNH
16. Mandy Fraser, SAU 24/JSRHS
17. Howie Drolet, Nute High School
18. Sean Peschel, Oyster River High School
19. Kim Ommundsen, Souhegan High School
20. Amie Pariseau, NH Lodging and Restaurant Association
21. Julie Green, Campbell High School
22. Katie Napierkoski, Windham High School
23. Jessamyn Rockwell, Concord High School
24. Amy Yeakel, Newfound Regional High School
25. Christina Thompson, Conway
26. Amy Burke, Belmont High School
27. Amy Smith, Winnacunnet High School
28. Sara Lambert, Manchester West & Memorial
29. Jane Weymouth, Farmington
30. Fred Bramante
31. Stacey Kallelis, Salem High School

ELO Data Collection Overview

Commissioner Frank Edelblut presented and spoke on ELO Data Collection Overview, etc.

- He sees ELO's as tip of the iceberg for students, authentic learning for students.
- With "Learn Everywhere" we did not necessarily see eye to eye.
- We want to see all of our kids have these opportunities.
- There were 2 data collections conducted last year and another one next year, quality of information will improve, reporting of info will improve. He wants to share data with us and validate data based on our schools.
- Commissioner Edelblut passed out data of ELO's that each school reported. Common ones are grouped together. N=no credit awarded and Y=credit awarded. There may be an inconsistency in reporting amongst schools for example, some IMPACCT students record it but others don't (Granite State Independent Living runs the IMPACCT program). Mostly elective credit came through vs. core credit. This is 2018-2019 school year summer data.
- The next report passed out largest impact are Work Based Learning to go out to outside businesses, outside non-profits, etc. Separated out external partners from internal (helping out at middle school, etc.). They are helping these students with "social networking". Vision is to have a higher number percent than 3% of NH enrolled high school students in Work Based Learning ELO's. Numbers could be larger if we recorded summertime and weekend ELO's as well.
- He praised Pinkerton Academy and the culture of ELO's there. Students attending Pinkerton expect to get this experience.
- He recognized that we need a better definition of each category in reporting.
- Ran free and reduced lunch against credit bearing SASID's list.
- Recognized that transportation is also a huge barrier. Trying to work on a solution for this. Working with Uber and Lift to create "kid safe" rides. Exploring other options besides big school buses.

- Dawn Breault mentioned about recording special education students that have been out doing Work Based Learning opportunities for 20+ years before ELO term was created.
- Commissioner Edelblut wants to see all of these opportunities be available for all students.
- Howie Drolet suggested to report data of Juniors and Seniors.
- Commissioner Edelblut mentioned that can we find ELO for some of those core classes.
- Some school districts have to see that culture change of districts suggesting ELO's for students.
- Kerrie Alley suggested that we will form a sub-committee of core definitions.
- We will report on incorrect data for the group and report back to Commissioner Edelblut on districts'. Secretary Marisa Dardagiannopoulos will take care of this.
- We appreciate the relationship we have with the Commissioner and happy to see him here. Having the correct data reported is very important.
- Commissioner Edelblut is trying to move the whole thing forward with these ideas and opportunities for students.

Updates from ELO Network Leadership Team

- **NH EDies**

Amy Yeakel presented that there was a large amount of nominations. Recipient is going to Dawn Breault from Hollis Brookline High School. Congratulations! NH Lodging and Restaurant Association is sponsoring our table.

- **April is Hospitality Month**

Kerrie Alley said to contact Amie Pariseau if looking for industry tours.

UNH BioMade ELO Opportunities

Stephen Hale presented. He is Project Director at UNH.

- He presented and spoke about a grant from the National Science Foundation given to the state. UNH (Durham and Manchester), Keene State College, and Dartmouth.
- Areas of advanced manufacturing as well as perhaps Biotechnology fields. Aiding in building STEM career pipeline. Money built in to support work based learning opportunities for CTE students. Help them recruit students.
- These are paid internship opportunities. Businesses need to pay at least minimum wage and grant will pay an additional \$7.50 so students will be getting paid around \$15 per hour. Also will fund insurance. Will provide mentorship. Able to fund 6 students for this year (will work on an application process). Intent is to develop this for future for even more students. This year is somewhat of a "pilot program". Also working with Community Colleges. Students that may be appropriate are students intending on attending Community Colleges as well as straight to work after high

school. Target for Work Based Learning is juniors and seniors in high school. For college students, these are paid research opportunities.

- Focus is more on the southern part of the state.
- Need to be coordinated between student, coordinator, and the business.
- Deadline for applications has not been determined yet. Goal is to start it by summer to get it a full-time summer experience. 8-10 week duration.
- Wish is to serve underrepresented populations in STEM fields: gender, low socioeconomic status, race.
- Willing to look at capacity of businesses, if schools have existing relationships with schools.
- Students are hired as employees of the business.
- "Make things happen where they don't normally happen."
- Nhepscor.org/WBL
- Stephen suggested to have a session with DOL.

Regional Updates

- **Career Fairs**

Jennifer Landon had to leave the meeting, but wanted her business cards to be passed out and said she would come speak to students in person or virtually. Fred Bramante suggested having her on a future meeting agenda. Jennifer is the Director of Education & Workforce Development at the Associated Builders and Contractors of New Hampshire and Vermont.

- **Community Partner Celebrations**

WMRHS and AMC Science Course partnership 7-8 students to gain Biology credit. AMC has grant money. Will report back if beneficial partnership.

- **Other Updates**

- Howie Drolet from Nute High school is the new Seacoast representative on the board. Howie announced that on April 22nd there is a Career Fair, 100 businesses attending and school is bringing students.
- Fred Bramante mentioned about awards for ELO Coordinator, similar events exist, Work Based Learning Celebration, NH Scholars, etc.

- **Update on concerns of Commissioner Edelblut's data presentation**

- The timeline of data needs to be addressed and who is providing the data. Is it the correct staff? Process needs to be streamlined.
- Many people are volunteering to be on the sub committee.
- This is a golden opportunity for Commissioner Edelblut working with our group and getting ELO's to happen.
- Would appreciate having Professional Development on this topic. Maybe a state-wide conference? We need to educate people of the value of these experiences for students.

- The data should indicate if these are new ELO programs, what schools have full-time ELO Coordinators, etc.
- Need to develop a definition of ELO, minimum standards, lack of funding support, districts/connections with businesses/training with DOL.
- Work with schools that aren't doing this and how can current pioneers of program can help?

Regional Network Needs Assessment and Work Time

Each region had an opportunity to work together to determine the needs of each ELO Coordinator/Program and how the ELO Network can provide support.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

9:00am - 12:00pm

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