

**COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF VERMONT/CORRECTIONS EDUCATION  
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES  
Montpelier Elks, Montpelier, VT  
January 30, 2015**

**Approved**

**CHSVT Present:** Charity Baker, Cara Berryman, Jack Carson, Jeff Cassarino, Marina Cole, Chris Cosgrove, John Cross, Sean Dobbin, Pauline Dwyer, Jerry Fortin, Jennifer Gaito, Laurette Garrand, Harmony Harriman, Lisa Harrington, Gary Harris, Mary Beth Heiskell, Dan Hescocock, John Howe, Marlena Hughes, Ben Irish, Mike Lacoss, Dana Lesperance, Tod Lessard, John Long, Sarah Loveless, Paul Major, Troy McAllister, Jan Noskey, Wilhelmina Picard, Broni Plucas, Mary Poulos, Sharon Renault, Nick Rulon, Bob Salzman, Sheila Sayah, Dana Scofield, Bobbi Shutts, Jeanne Smith, Angie Stewart, Claire Swaha, Chad Thompson, Scott Tomlinson, John Vorder Bruegge, Matt Ware

**CHSVT Absent:** Barb Hagen, Molly Humphrey, Eric Marchese, Bill Storz, Sharon Strange

**Approval of meeting minutes**

**Nick Rulon made a motion to accept the December 12, 2014 meeting minutes. Mike Lacoss seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.**

**Morning Training Session**

The morning session consisted of an overview of “writing for NEASC” which included a discussion about the updated CHSVT Mission and addressing criminogenic and educational needs and what it means to be Case Plan compliant. A guide for “writing for NEASC” is on SharePoint.

Each NEASC Self-Study committee worked together to finish their Self-Study Preparation reports.

**Information and Updates**

Offender Management System (OMS) training is mandatory for all DOC employees and if you have not yet, you will receive direction from your workplace with the dates and times for this training. Introduction training is mandatory for all and there is additional program function training that may not pertain to everyone.

Next Monday, Wilhelmina will be facilitating a meeting at central office to create a plan moving forward with education staffing. No plans are in place at this time, this is just a discussion.

There has been strong support for the school from many different areas; CHSVT State Board, media, former students, Legislators, etc.

The House Appropriations and House Institutions committees have asked great questions during Wilhelmina, Dana, and Troy’s visits to the Statehouse.

The CHSVT State Board had their January 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting at the Statehouse. They met with Legislators and expressed their concern for the fate of the school and asked for their support.

The St. Albans faculty invited their local constituents to the NWSCF facility, to tour the school campus. Five Representatives visited the facility and spoke with teachers and students. They were very impressed.

Various media sources have written stories about the Governor's budget and potential staffing cuts. WCAX is doing a 30 Schools in 30 Days story, an Associated Press article has been written and distributed, the St. Albans Messenger, VT Digger, etc. Some of these articles have not been very favorable for the school.

Wilhelmina will be doing a VPR spot on Vermont Edition next week.

Troy shared information about the school that will be shared with Legislatures and the State Board. The information uses the Logic Model that can be found in the latest annual report. The information shows quarterly information about the number of offenders in need of some sort of education compared to the number of actual offenders currently being served by CHSVT.

### **Afternoon Training Session**

The Self-Study committees met briefly to discuss plans for Part One of the NEASC Self-Study and reviewed the indicators for their Standard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Sayah