

Rochester Coalition for Public Education
August 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chojoy Schroeder, Don Pryor, Xi Chen, David Hursh, Ralph Spezio, Howie Maffucci, Candace Rubin, Mark Hare, John Boutet, Dan Drmacich & Japanese Graduate student

Discussion & Action:

1. We discussed Chojoy's feelings of frustration after speaking at a recent BoE meeting about the needs of ESL students & receiving no indications of interest for her concerns other than from Democratic BoE candidates, Amy Maloy & Ricardo Adams. We agreed that we should help organize a meeting among Beatrice LeBron, Amy & Ricardo & Chojoy & a Coalition rep or two. Dan will set it up.

2. We discussed the latest draft of our legislative/Regents recommendations to Harry Bronson & Betty Rosa & made several changes, including:

- A. Replacing name of "Distinguished Educators,"
- B. Methods of appointing "Advisory Committee" members, & expanding the membership,
- C. Clarifying the Bronson recommendations for BoE tasks,
- D. Including the need for busing all students,
- E. Including an introduction that refers to specific research, and
- F. Including something regarding Common Core alternatives.

Dan will revise the latest draft & distribute for final feedback this week.

3. We also discussed and made changes to the October 15th Forum, including:

- A. Changing the title for advertising purposes reflecting new directions for student success. We will address the referendum issues in our introduction.
- B. Marketing to neighborhood organizations, parents, teachers, legislators, city council & BoE, Mayor, & education organizations. and
- C. Organizing the seats in circles of 8 that emphasize a particular aspect of the Bill recommendations & have folks pre-select what group they wish to identify with.

Dan will synthesize recommendations & share for more changes & share with Brockport.

4. We agreed to meet again on Tuesday, August 27th, 3:00 pm 2 the NYSUT Bldg.; room to be determined.