**CAASP MEETING NOTES Thursday, January 31, 2019** ***WHS, Windsor***

**4:00 pm**

*Present*: Rob Melillo (presiding), Mark Hill, Corinne Byrne, Monica Brase, Vicki Gustavson, Bill Scalise, and Julie Leroux

1. **Program updates:**
	1. REACH - adjusting to new administrator who works in a different building, making communication a challenge; exploring possible changes to math program--discussion of math classes offered in other alternative programs to answer:
		1. What is your current pathway?
		2. Do you use an integrated program?
	2. ACE - faculty have become more unified since new principal started; math classes offered are: algebra 1, geometry, and algebra 2; students typically do not make it through the entire curriculum.
	3. ALTA - math classes have different course names in order to reflect differences from Southington High School classes: foundations of algebra (algebra 1); geometry; algebraic applications (algebra 2). Students at ALTA earn semester credits which helps students who are under-credited, but presents a challenge with new students who did not have the option of semester credits; they have a renewed chance to earn half credits, but not sure where to place them. Students who fail quarter 1 receive a minimum grade is 40 so that they still have a chance to pass for the semester.
	4. WHS - new director of off-site alternative programs who has extensive alternative education experience; looking at additional alternative options, such as Project-Based Learning; 9th grade cohort had 45-minute classes everyday for Semester 1 and are now transitioning to the full 90-minute block for Semester 2.
	5. Farmington - not able to participate this year, still on mailing list.
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Carol Wilkas completed the signature card for the bank account and has fully assumed duties of Treasurer.
3. **Secretary’s Report:** Reviewed and accepted notes from October, November (STARS Camp Sloper), and December meetings.
4. **STARS:**  Students from ACE, ALTA, REACH, and Windsor will participate
	1. Conference date: May 17, 2019 at Tunxis Community College, Farmington (confirmed with Tunxis)
	2. Upcoming meetings:
		1. February 14, 2019 at ALTA, Southington
		2. March 15 at REACH, West Hartford
	3. Time to recruit judges
	4. Tweak conference evaluation forms based on feedback from 2018 conference
5. **Professional Development Day**: November 6, 2018
	1. Restorative Justice books were purchased and distributed at PD.
	2. Awaiting reply from Devon McCormick, University of New Haven Restorative Justice Project Manager who facilitated PD day, for follow-up information.
6. **Connecticut State Department of Education School Discipline Collaborative** - Rob has attended meetings
7. **SERC** will be notifying us of free trainings that we may wish to attend in Cheshire, CT (CAS).
8. **Additional New Business or Items** - brainstorm alternative graduation requirements, based on state and district guidelines.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at REACH, West Hartford

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at ALTA, Southington

*If you would like to host a meeting please contact Rob* melilr@danbury.k12.ct.us