

**Uniform Regional School Calendar Taskforce
10/3/13 Meeting Minutes**

Rep Mike Demicco convened the meeting at 3:12pm

Rep Demicco welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the taskforce and introduced his co-chair, Eileen Howley from LEARN.

Rep Demicco shared the website address for the Taskforce which is <http://cga.ct.gov/ed/Uniform/taskforce.asp>

Rep Demicco also shared the charge of the taskforce which is to develop guidelines for a Uniform Regional School Calendar by each RESC. It is not our job to come up with the calendar itself – just guidelines. He acknowledged that some regions already have a uniform calendar and that the issue was taken up by both versions of the M.O.R.E. commission.

Rep Demicco introduced the co-chair Eileen Howley, Executive Director of LEARN. She spoke of the work that LEARN is already doing to have a uniform regional school calendar taskforce and her interest in completing the taskforce charge.

Rep Demicco asked that all members introduce themselves and make remarks, which they did. Rep Demicco also introduced the support staff including the Education Clerk, Chris Calabrese, whom he asked that Taskforce Members email for questions, comments, or basic taskforce housekeeping at chris.calabrese@cga.ct.gov

Rep Demicco read the actual statute that created the taskforce which is PA 13-247 sec. 321 and is available for review at the taskforce website.

Rep Demicco talked about their co-chairs' interest in having as many speakers and presenters come to future meetings as possible in order to bring many different concerns and/or experiences to the table in the ongoing discussions of the taskforce.

Craig Edmondson commented that he would like to start by inviting Rep. Paul Davis who sat on the M.O.R.E. subcommittee that was responsible for creating the taskforce.

Rep Demicco assigned the taskforce homework to email suggested guests and/or topics to Chris Calabrese at chris.calabrese@cga.ct.gov so the chairs can begin to organize future meetings based on those suggestions.

Rep Demicco talked about proposed future meeting dates that were emailed out to the taskforce. It was decided that the next three meetings would be on October 30th, November 18th, and December 2nd, all at 2:00 PM.

With no other business to take care of, the chairs adjourned the meeting at 3:43 PM.