

CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP CONSORTIUM

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2025

Virtual Meeting

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order – Dr. Willie Garrison

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

2. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Willie Garrison

Dr. Garrison provided a brief welcome and introductions to the speakers on today's agenda along with a fun activity.

New to the group - Sid Larson, Concordia University

3. Report on the 2025 AAYI – Randee Drew and Amanda Jamerson

- AAYI will return to Concordia this year, offering 150 beds for participants. New this year, parents are requested to provide a \$25 contribution. The swag will consist solely of t-shirts, a water bottle, and a drawstring bag. To manage busing costs, off-campus activities will be limited. Dr. Moeser has successfully submitted his third grant application, which has been accepted. Additionally, he has reached out for support from a district or a group of districts to assist with busing expenses.

4. Report on the 2025 Administrator Institute – Dr. Demond Means

- Dr. Garrison provided an update on the Administrator Institute, during which CAGC members expressed their appreciation for the discussion. They extended their gratitude to Dr. Means, Dr. Joynt, and Dr. Kabara for their efforts in organizing the event.

5. Report on the 2025 School Board Symposium – Dr. Demond Means

- Dr. Means expressed that the discussion at the governing level was productive. The main emphasis was on advocacy efforts and the development of policies aimed at addressing the current needs and reflections of students.

6. Report on the April 16 Educator Job Fair – Sue Doyle

- This year, an enhanced educator job fair will take place from 4:30 to 7 PM at Greenfield High School. CAGC districts still have the opportunity to participate, as booths are available for \$250.

7. Update from the DPI – Mr. Demetri Beekman

- Dr. Moeser recently provided an update that included two proposed questions. There has been ongoing communication between Mr. Beekman and Dr. Moeser, resulting in the exchange of questions between the CAGC and DPI.
 - How can the DPI work with the CAGC on closing the achievement gap
 - Does the DPI have resources/grants that CAGC can utilize in our mission to close the achievement gap

Additionally, Sue Doyle, Cesa 1 offered support with the partnership of DPI.

8. Discussion on CAGC Literacy Institute – Sid Larson, CAGC Literacy Network

- Mr. Larson led a discussion regarding the literacy network, focusing on ways to enhance feedback and address challenges within schools. The conversation highlighted key concerns raised by CAGC members, which included increasing training for non-ELA teachers, integrating disciplinary literacy, and better meeting the needs of ELL learners across various content areas.
- In response to these discussions, the CAGC Literacy Network plans to distribute a survey in the coming weeks to gather further insights on these topics and explore logistics to improve participation among member districts. For any questions, members are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Witt at steven.witt@cuw.edu.

9. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Edward DeShazer

- Dr. Moeser presented an overview of the treasurer's report, highlighting that invoices for 2025 will be distributed by the end of March.

[March Treasurer's Report](#)

10. Other Topics – Dr. Willie Garrison

- The CAGC is currently planning the New Teacher Orientation, a topic requested by Dr. Kabara. There are two main points to address: determining the dates for the event and identifying a point person to oversee it. Dr. Means and Dr. Kabara have kindly volunteered to take on responsibilities for the orientation. If you are interested in volunteering in this planning please contact Dr. Moeser or Courtney Krueger.

11. Adjourn – Dr. Willie Garrison

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm

Motion: Dr. Means

Seconded: Dr. Kabara