

Memo

To: Jeanne
From: Anita
Cc: Tony, Anna and Michael
Date: 5/7/03
Re: Update - Results of Charter School Leadership Council Meeting

Maryland:

As expected, there was a lengthy discussion about the Maryland charter school Bill situation. Ultimately the decisions made were as follows:

- CSLC will not write a letter to Gov. encouraging him to veto the current Bill
- CSLC does not have consensus as required by the MOU, so as it relates to this issue CSLC will not have a voice or presence: (Groups that want to act on their own will do so – but, all agreed to check in with CER if they decided to do so)
 - Andy will not be attending the May 15th meeting with the Gov.
 - CSLC will not be writing any letters or making any comments about this situation (if questioned, Andy knows not to say anything and refer them to CER).

Researcher:

- CER was the only group that had objection to allocating funds and hiring the ad hoc research. I
- In fact, Lisa, Dean, Tony and Marc all emphasized that it's a necessity pursuant to the discussion regarding the PACE Study statement.
- The researcher is only to be engaged for emergency – short-term type issues that the Council is dealing with.

- Andy will be dealing with the longer term research needs of the Council.
- It was decided that this was a management issue for Andy to decide whom to hire (but just to only check in with Council members to verify that the potential person isn't a spy etc.)

Strategic Plan/Work Plan/Purpose of CSLC:

- Andy and Lawrence will re-draft based on today's discussions. They will develop a detailed work plan that lays out the methods for which Andy will implement that work plan.
- At the next meeting, this work plan will be brought to the Council for comment and final approval.

Other issues:

- The work group for IDEA is making arrangements to meet either next week or the week after
 - Target date for action on Bill was towards end of this month – but that probably will be moved back to later date because of "funding" issues.
- CSLC rollout: consensus was to wait and see if key opportunity to make such statement.
 - In mean time – Andy and Lawrence will develop an "organization-explainer" document that provides basic principles and function of the Council. They will distribute draft to Council members for comment and final approval after it's drafted.
 - Consensus that they wouldn't do any "flash" press club type event -- but probably a coordinated strategy of op-ed's and ads (like back page of Ed Week) – around a relevant issue/opportunity.
- National Charter School Conference – everyone recognized that the conference more than likely would be scheduled for June 2004 in Miami. No further issues were discussed.