Members Present: Robert Gupton, Cleo Evans, Richard Armstrong, Jolanda Jordan, and Jennifer Watson-DPI representative, Luther Thomas, Julia McCombs, joining the conference via telephone was Tammy Miller-White.

Meeting called to order at 11:04am. The minutes were pulled up and reviewed from the September 28, 2018 meeting, which was held via conference call. Julia motioned that the minutes be approved as read, motion was seconded by Jolanda Jordan, motion carried.

The meeting to discuss new business started by reviewing the treasury report. The report was given by Richard Armstrong. The balance in the September 28, 2018 meeting was 1, 674.00 the balance as of October 12, 2018 was, 1, 929.68.

Board members discussed that we had 13 participants to register in September and currently there were 31 registered for the conference as of October 12, 2018. Robert and Tammy, asked board members to weigh the following options due to the two recent Hurricanes and registration count…

**Hold a lunch and learn, Hold a one day conference, postpone the Conference**

After discussion Luther asked if we could take it to a vote regarding next step for conference. The motion to postpone conference was made by Robbie Gupton and seconded by Julia McCombs. The members decided to postpone the conference, refund money to all that could not make the new date and asked all board members to reach out to vendors, speakers and presenters to enhance our conference as well as move it to spring. It was also shared by Julia that at least 8 presenters would be needed. A tentative schedule was also outlined by the president, and agreed upon by board members.

Tentative Schedule outlined…

8:30 to 9:30- Welcome and Keynote

9:30-9:40 Break and Vendors

9:40-10:30 Session I

10:30-10:45- Vendors

10:50- 11:40 Session II

11:40-12:00 Vendors

12:00 -1:30 Lunch

1:30 -1:40- Vendors

1:40- 2:30 Session III

2:30-3:00 – Closing, CEU- Gifts and Prizes

Julia immediately contacted Double Tree to ask for a March 15, 2019 date. Jennifer Watson agreed to contact potential presenters focusing on topics that impact our students, gangs, bullying, Cyberbullying, suicide, Social topics, etc. Richard Armstrong also shared a potential keynote speaker for the event, William Lassiter, as well as presenters on a number of related topics. Information was also shared by Richard about the topic” The Secret Lives of a Teen. Cleo Evans asked about a theme for the conference and suggested, (Focusing on Student Success, Defying the Odds).

The next meeting to be held is on December 7, 2018 via teleconference at 1:00pm. February 1, 2019 to meet face to face for in Raleigh at DPI for a Board meeting to be held at 11:00 am. The Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.