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Kentucky Department of Education School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC) Feb. 10, 2022 8:30 a.m. ET Meeting Summary

Purpose: The School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC) is designed to provide the Commissioner of Education direct input from school counselors who serve in Kentucky public schools. Bridging the gap between policy and practice, the SCAC advises the commissioner on educational priorities that meet the needs of the whole child, ensuring the provision to our community of a transition-ready workforce.

I. Welcome

Heather Bushelman, Program Coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE): Discussion and celebration of National School Counseling Week

II. Roll Call of Members

Heather Bushelman, Program Coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education: Members in Attendance: Sarah Akin, Elizabeth Barnett, Kaet Barron, Susan Brown, Beth Duvall Fleming, Nicole Fields, Malia Gibson, Carla McCartney, Whitney Peay, Aimee Pike, Caryn Scheiding, Tammy White

III. Kentucky Board of Education Student Member Application

Toni Konz-Tatman, Chief Communications Officer, Office of the Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education; and Meredith Brewer, Director of Education Policy, Office of the Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education: Discussed the application process for teacher and student applications for the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE); students must be a current sophomore and live in the 4th congressional district; discussed the importance of the role and responsibilities with the role; one-year term; deadline is March 7, 2022; a video was shared regarding the student membership application; direct any questions to Konz-Tatman or Brewer at KDE.

IV. Kentucky Department of Education Updates

Heather Bushelman, Program Coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

- Self-care (counselors, colleagues, students): discussion was held regarding the following questions and topics: what is something you have found that works for your own self care; how are your colleagues within your building; how are your students; any concerns or certain topics you need help with; great discussion was held among group members regarding self care for staff, students and themselves; many resources were shared among members.
- LGBTQIA+ Resources: discussion was held regarding the statewide school counselor cadre that was held in January; this was a powerful session for all who attended; discussion of the resources that were provided.
- Reflection on Feb. 8 School Counseling Summit: discussion was held regarding the first statewide school counseling summit; members that participated shared thoughts and feedback from the sessions; the resource guide and recordings will be shared soon.
- Topics for 2022-23 statewide school counselor cadre: discussion of topics, presentators and ideas for next year's statewide school counselor cadre; Kentucky Best Practice Framework for School Counselors; American School Counselor Association National Model; advocacy for district-wide leaders; Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3-Multi-Tiered System of Supports; Data Driven School Counseling; ethics; email Heather with more ideas, topics and speakers.
- KDE Counseling webpage update: A page dedicated to Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program and resources to assist with this process which include videos from school counselors.
- Statewide Data Snapshot: Superintendent Survey data is being analyzed; data was shared from the school counselor survey; discussion was held regarding the data (appropriate vs inappropriate activities) and training needs based off the data for school counselors and district leaders.
- Social-emotional Framework Update: a discussion was held regarding the work and the group; discussion was held regarding a survey that will be sent to collect SEL practices and implementation.
- Mindfulness/Calming Space Grant: \$18,000 grant; total of 18 schools awarded over the next two years; rubric and application are currently being worked on and will be available soon.
- ILP Advisory Council: discussion was held regarding the purpose of the council; discussion was held on how to ensure a more meaningful experience and strengthen the already existing Individual Learning Plan systems and implementation.

V. Equity Dashboard and State Data and Findings

Damien Sweeney, Ed.D., Director of the Division of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education: discussion was held regarding the equity dashboard and gave examples of how you can use the equity dashboard with real time data; Sweeney shared that trainings are available regarding the equity dashboard; encouraged exploring KYMTSS; ThomasWoods-Tucker, Ph.D., shared the equity dashboard and the importance of using this tool.

VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting – June 7, 2022 8:30-10 a.m. ET