



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION**
Kentucky United We Learn Council
Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee (AISC)

SEPT. 11, 2023

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Sarah Hatton, Chair

Summary of Discussion: Hatton called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. ET. She welcomed members and guests and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Agenda Item: Updates from Other Committees

Presenter: Kathy Stovall, Co-Chair

Summary of Discussion: Stovall provided brief updates from other committees.

- **Bold New Future (BNF)** – The committee has modified the Portrait of a Learner (PoL) Survey. BNF members are sharing the survey to solicit feedback about the development of the Kentucky PoL. AISC members are encouraged to participate in the survey by Sept. 18. BNF has also formed a policy work group. The group is currently working on grant planning for Local Laboratories of Learning (L3) districts and comparing and contrasting the PoL with the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) graduate profile.
- **Vibrant Learning Experiences (VLE)** – The committee is working to develop a set of indicators that will define what it means to be a vibrant learner. The group is learning more about existing structures including the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Best Practices Database and researching new structures including the Canopy Project.

Agenda Item: Moonshot

Presenter: Sarah Hatton, Chair

Summary of Discussion: Hatton reviewed the Kentucky United We Learn's Moonshot along with the AISC Design Principles for Assessment and Accountability. Members had the opportunity to provide feedback to refine the moonshot for the group convening in November. The final moonshot will provide vision and direction for the standing committee's work moving forward.

Feedback: Members shared that the current moonshot draft seems to be a broad goal and may benefit from being narrowed to focus on specifics (i.e., student-centered, equitable, learning-

focused, data driven, etc.). Members questioned what is meant by the phrase “more humane educational practices.”

Agenda Item: System Prototypes Review

Presenter: Susan Lyons, Lyons Assessment Consulting

Summary of Discussion: The AISC facilitator group reviewed ideas developed by the members of three working groups (state centralized, state supported and locally controlled) in trying to create a system of systems. The facilitators have narrowed the work to two possible ideas for creating a state accountability system that will value and incentivize the vibrant learning experiences taking place across Kentucky. Lyons shared a presentation explaining the two ideas that are being considered: 1.) Localizing Assessment and 2.) Localizing Accountability.

Feedback: Members shared that they would like the ideas to go further to coincide with the Kentucky United We Learn Moonshot. Some concern was raised about the proposed ideas being more work for districts than our current assessment and accountability model. Members discussed the concern of “teaching to the test” and problems that arise with this mindset. The suggestion was made to reconsider what the true purpose of assessment is and to ensure that the model that is created meets that purpose.

Agenda Item: Systems Bank Design Brainstorm

Presenter: André Rupp, Center for Assessment

Summary of Discussion: Rupp provided members time to review and discuss the Synthesis of Systems Bank Design Brainstorm document as well as the Systems Bank Local Feasibility Worksheet.

Agenda Item: Cross Committee Collaboration

Presenter: Sarah Hatton, Chair

Summary of Discussion: Hatton asked members to share thoughts on what should be communicated to other committees about the work of the AISC. She briefly summarized the meeting discussions that took place surrounding the Kentucky United We Learn Moonshot and the system prototypes review.

Agenda Item: General Announcements

Presenter: Sarah Hatton, Chair

Summary of Discussion: Hatton reminded members to complete the BNF survey about the PoL by Sept. 18. The next AISC meeting date is scheduled for Monday, Oct 2, however this date will likely be revised due to fall break.

Hatton’s tenure as chair will end in November 2023, at which time co-chair, Kathy Stovall, will take over the chair responsibilities. An election will need to be held for a new co-chair. Any

members interested in fulfilling the co-chair role should write a letter of interest to AISC leadership.

SUMMARY:

The Kentucky United We Learn Council's Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee met virtually on Monday, Sept. 11. Members heard updates about other Kentucky United We Learn committees. Two emerging ideas were shared for consideration in creating a state accountability system that will value and incentivize the vibrant learning experiences taking place across Kentucky. Members had the opportunity to provide feedback as well as brainstorm about a Systems Bank Design. The next AISC meeting is scheduled for October, specific date yet to be determined.