

SUMMARY MINUTES APPROVED AT JULY 14, 2022 MEETING



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL (FPC)
SUMMARY**

MARCH 10, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Grace Absher, Elizabeth Bruce, Catara Catlett, Brooke Gill, Melissa Goins, Tom Haggard, Rhonda Logsdon, Natasha Lucas, Lauren Mitchell, Jennifer Skidmore, Kathy Smiley, Mona Smith, Julie Staton, Angie Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUMMARY: The Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE's) Family Partnership Council (FPC) discussed family engagement and the council's core beliefs. The council also voted on a list of agreements and shared ways to encourage relationship building among educators, families, and communities.

Agenda Item: Fellowship Discussion

Presenter: Brooke Gill, Chair, Prichard Committee

Summary of Discussion:

Members introduced themselves, shared why they were inspired to serve on the council and why it was important to them.

Feedback:

School should be the place that students know their dreams can come true and feel they belong; we need to create systems to make that happen. For families, school and programs are opportunities to build on support systems that we all need. We need to be the voice for the unseen and non-traditional families to make life better for educators, students and families.

Agenda Item: Review of FPC Mission, Purpose, Agreements and Foundational Materials

Presenter: Brooke Gill, Chair, Prichard Committee

Summary of Discussion:

FPC's mission, purpose and foundational materials were shared. The purpose of the council is to serve in an advisory role to KDE and provide input regarding topics of interest to families, such as ways that families and communities can assist schools in ensuring that the achievement level of all students is increased. The mission is to build and enhance the capacity of educators and families. FPC agreements that were reviewed and agreed upon by council members to be standing agreements for council membership - to acknowledge the risk speakers take; values, cultural identities and personal experiences matter; conflict is always possible and is ok and essential; practice using "I" statements; remain curious and proactive vulnerability; this is a time for thoughtful discussion; and an understanding that it doesn't have to be consensus or agreement. Foundational materials were discussed, such as, "The Kentucky Family and School Partnership Guide," based on the 2006 "The Missing Piece of the Proficiency Puzzle," and [Dual Capacity Framework](#). There was discussion on the core beliefs of the model of Dual Capacity, such as the belief that all families have dreams for their children and want what is best for them; all families have the capacity to support their children's learning, families and school staff are equal partners; and the responsibility for cultivating and sustaining partnerships among school, home and community rests primarily with the schools' staff, specifically school leaders.

Feedback:

Members voted on the FPC agreements for membership and passed those to become active, as well as, discussing more about the purpose and main issues with family and community engagement.

Agenda Item: Suggestions and Requests for Future Meeting Speakers

Presenter: Brooke Gill, Chair, Prichard Committee

Summary of Discussion:

Discussion of council exit slip and survey coming soon to determine future speakers.

Agenda Item: Protocol for Ongoing Communication

Presenter: Brooke Gill, Chair, Prichard Committee

Summary of Discussion:

Discussed ways that the council members can stay in touch and put together the agenda for the June 2022 meeting. Gill will develop a google link where all members will have access to view and comment on council documents.

Feedback:

Group agreed that group email would be the best form of communication, along with a google link or creating a team within Microsoft Teams.