Advisory Committee Members Present
Thomas Aberli   Catherine Hacker   William Owens
Holly Bloodworth  Brenda McGown   Amanda Reed
Michael Borchers  Anthony Orr   Terry Rhodes
Thomas Guskey

Advisory Committee Members Absent
Roger Cleveland  Liza Holland   Shannon Treece
Helen Carroll  Kevin Riddett   Heather Wampler
Linda Duncan

Call to Order
Brenda McGown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the group. A quorum was present.

Others in Attendance
Kentucky Board of Education: Nawanna Privett


Others: Cory Curl, Prichard Committee; Richard Innes, Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions; and Deborah Nelson, Office of Education Accountability

Approval of November 17, 2015 Minutes
After review, Anthony Orr made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting. Thomas Guskey seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes are posted to the KDE website after final approval.
**Budget Update**

Charles Harman, Director, Division of Budget and Financial Management, in the Office of Administration and Support, provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Governor’s Recommended Budget to the SCAAC members. Overall proposed cuts were shared as well as KDE’s approach to the proposed funding cuts with the emphasis being on the least impact placed upon students and teachers.

**School Report Card Feedback**

Jennifer Stafford, Director, Division of Support and Research, in the Office of Assessment and Accountability, updated the members on the planning process for the 2016-17 School Report Card. Discussion questions included: 1) Do you use the School Report Card? 2) What sections of the School Report Card do you use the most and for what purposes? 3) What sections/functions of the School Report Card do you find the most helpful/useful? 4) What sections/functions would you like to see changed or improved, and how? 5) How would you suggest soliciting parent feedback for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) changes to the School Report Card?

Council members offered several suggestions:
- Leave Data Sets intact.
- Leave in the Accountability Tab, but remove older years of data (keep current and two priors).
- Need function for printing.

Thomas Guskey suggested that it would be helpful to have a tracking mechanism (who is accessing and how many). Mike Borchers suggested minimizing any changes to the School Report Card until future accountability improvements are included.

**Education Town Hall Discussion and Feedback**

Stephen Pruitt, Kentucky Commissioner of Education and Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner in the Office of Assessment and Accountability, informed SCAAC members about the Education Town Hall meetings being held across the state. As Kentucky prepares to implement the new federal education law known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2017, a series of 11 Education Town Hall meetings will be held to determine how Kentuckians define school success. Questions being discussed are: 1) What do you expect from our schools? 2) What school characteristics are most important? 3) How should we measure school success? 4) How do we ensure all schools are successful and 5) How should we celebrate school success?

An Education Town Hall meeting was held with SCAAC members listening to their input to the Kentucky Department of Education on the design of a new education accountability system that will be used as the basis to improve schools and celebrate their educational program. The goal is to produce a system that is fair, reliable, valid and easier to understand.

Holly Bloodworth emphasized the need for valuing the whole child. Brenda McGown said that exploration and inquiry skills were needed for life-long learning. Holly
Bloodworth stated that teachers needed to be happy in their work and not be under scrutiny and pressure. Give an educator ‘some credit’ to do the right thing. Anthony Orr stressed the importance of a school district responding to its community needs, looking at the local culture. Michael Borchers echoed the need for local measures. Amanda Reed suggested looking at what other states are doing. How do we measure a system that is reliable and accurate?

**Legislative Update**
Kevin Brown, Associate Commissioner in the Office Guiding Support Services, updated the members on the latest ongoing legislative session. Over 1,000 bids had been filed as of March 15, 2016 but unlikely that many will pass. Many of the proposed education bills were summarized for the group.

**KDE Update**
Karen Kidwell, Director, Division of Program Standards in the Office of Next-Generation Learners, updated the members on science assessments, social studies standards and program reviews.

Jennifer Stafford updated the members on items of interest such as End-of-Course policy and the 2015 AMOs/2106 Goals availability.

**Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2016