

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

MAY 30, 2024, 10A.M. EST

VIRTUAL MEETING

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.

AGENDA

Welcome

Michelle Sircy, E.d.D, Program Coordinator of Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education

Roll Call of Members

Members in Attendance: Sarah Akin, Kaet Barron, Carl Schoensigel, Caryn Scheiding, Courtney Benegfield, Scott Danner, Kelly Fox, Terri Hall, Juli Link, Travis Kern, Jessica Longland, Heather Moore, Paula Moore, Cordia Pickerell, Mindy Rose, Santina Plotter, Kristyn Williamson, Strauzie Collins, Suzanne Gibbs, Garrick Lee Ratliff

Review and approval of the last meeting minutes, motion made by Carl Schoensigel and seconded by Jessica Longland.

KDE Welcome and Greetings

Thomas Woods-Tucker, Ph.D., Kentucky Department of Education, Deputy Commissioner of Education and Chief Equity Officer, Office of Teaching and Learning

Dr. Woods-Tucker gave a greeting to the advisory council. Dr. Woods-Tucker asked the advisory council members to share what self-care they would be participating in this summer. Members of the advisory council shared activities that they would be participating in like traveling, gardening, water activities, and time with family and friends.

Inclusion Activity

Damien Sweeney, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Kentucky Department of Education; Dr. Sweeney was unable to attend this morning so Dr. Sircy led the inclusion activity. The question asked to the advisory council was, what is one accomplishment from this school year that you were directly responsible for and proud of? Members of the advisory council were able to share with the group.

School Counselor Use of Time

Michelle Sircy, Program Coordinator of Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education shared information about the 2023-2024 school counselor use of time survey. Dr. Sircy shared that the district response rate was 97% with 3% not reporting. Dr. Sircy shared that the last 3 years the survey has changed and that KDE can only include items in the survey that are in legislation. Dr. Sircy shared a few highlights of the report with the advisory council and shared where we could access the full report. Dr. Sircy gave opportunity for feedback from advisory council members and a discussion was had regarding their role in the completion of the survey, ease of the survey, purpose of the survey matching outcomes and changes for next year.

Dr. Sircy shared upcoming dates for statewide school counselor cadre, Dr. Sircy shared that for the upcoming year, they would be called statewide school counselor summit and shared the dates. Dr. Sircy also shared information with the advisory council regarding the new counselor academy and back to the basic training that are being offered at the regional educational cooperatives.

Questions and Additional Feedback

Dr. Sircy thanked outgoing advisory council members for their service for the last 3 years and shared dates for upcoming advisory council meetings. No other questions or additional feedback were shared at this time.

Adjournment