



## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Commissioner's Guiding Coalition SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2019

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Adkisson, Christy Henry (on behalf of Melissa Aguilar), Joy Bowers-Campbell, Travis Burton, Rhonda Caldwell, Kelly Davis, Cindy Blevins (on behalf of Ronda Harmon), Donna House, Nancy Hutchinson, Ann Elisabeth Larson, Tim Murley, Sherry W. Powers, Brigitte Blom-Ramsey, Tom Shelton, Stan Torzewski, Wayne Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joshua Benton, Jay Box, Kerri Schelling, Heather Wampler

### **SUMMARY:**

**Agenda Item: Welcome**

**Presenter: Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Commissioner**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Dr. Lewis welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

**Action Taken:**

None.

**Follow-up Required:**

None.

**Agenda Item: KDE Strategic Plan**

**Presenter: Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Karen Dodd reviewed the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) strategic plan. This plan includes an emphasis on partnerships. Ms. Dodd reminded the group to respond to the partnership survey sent out via email ([click here if you haven't participated yet](#)). KDE's strategic priorities are student success, strategic partnerships and operational excellence. Operational

excellence is key. The agency must use a systems approach to improve internal work since we are not able to directly impact students. Ms. Dodd reviewed the executive summary one year plan that shows KDE's one year targets. A question was raised about individual ownership of strategic objectives and it was explained that those discussions take place among the executive leadership team at the operational level.

**Action Taken:**

None.

**Follow-up Required:**

None.

**Agenda Item: Revised High School Graduation Requirements**

**Presenter: Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Commissioner**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Dr. Lewis explained that the regulation was heard in committee yesterday and no deficiencies were found, so it will move forward in the process. The agency will communicate with local boards and districts about reviewing their local high school graduation requirements to make decisions about what makes sense for their students and communities. The state sets the minimum high school graduation requirements, and local boards and districts are encouraged to personalize their local requirements.

Discussion took place among the members of the group about how students communicate their skills to potential employers after graduation and whether they are able to use their Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) as a tool to help them populate a resume and highlight their attributes.

Nancy Hutchinson shared information regarding the system they built known as Navigator. Students can add their extracurricular activities. Employers can access.

**Action Taken:**

None.

**Follow-up Required:**

Dr. Lewis shared, via email, guidance being provided to districts around the use of ILPs. Resources include a [self-implementation rubric](#) and a [video-guided exemplar](#) discussion.

**Agenda Item: Legislative Update**

**Presenter: Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Commissioner**

**Summary of Discussion:**

This is a short session. Pensions continue to be an issue but there is not a lot of clarity about actions that will be taken by the general assembly. Dr. Lewis is hopeful that potential solutions will honor educators and state workers while keeping a secure future in the forefront.

Dr. Ann Larson provided a brief summary and statement of appreciation for testimony given on the topic of teacher preparation last week by Dr. Lewis and Dr. Aaron Thompson, the president of the Council on Post-secondary Education. Dr. Lewis is committed to moving forward with teacher preparation work, which will be more explicitly represented in the next version of KDE's strategic plan.

**Action Taken:**

None.

**Follow-up Required:**

None.

**Agenda Item: School Report Card**

**Presenter: Dede Conner, Director, Division of School Data Services**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Dede Conner presented the new School Report Card to the group and explained several components of the system and how data is represented differently from in the past. Dr. Lewis is excited about the data available that falls outside the requirements of accountability. Districts and schools will be encouraged to use the data available to them for informing families and communities about their progress.

Dr. Lewis reminded the group that while transition readiness is being reported due to federal requirements, more focus will be put on those results after next year's reporting, when dual credit data is included.

**Action Taken:**

None.

**Follow-up Required:**

Group members were asked to use this [link](#) to provide additional feedback about what will be included in the next version(s) of the School Report Card.

Any questions regarding calculations should go to [Rhonda.Sims@education.ky.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Sims@education.ky.gov).

If you are interested in joining a focus group for the School Report Card, please contact [Dede.Conner@education.ky.gov](mailto:Dede.Conner@education.ky.gov).

**Agenda Item: Questions and Additional Feedback form Advisory Group Members**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Brigitte Blom-Ramsey gave a brief overview of the polling results collected by the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, indicating that Kentucky voters are most interested in jobs and K-12 education in the next gubernatorial election. Ms. Blom-Ramsey pointed out that improvements in post-secondary education ranked last in importance among those polled.

**Action Taken:**

None.

**Follow-up Required:**

None.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

**Presenter: Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer**

**Summary of Discussion:**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019.

**Action Taken:**

None.

**Follow-up Required:**

None.