



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Commissioner's Principal Advisory Council (PrAC)
SUMMARY

DECEMBER 7, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Suzanne Farmer, Wayne Ackerman, Nick Brooks, Ashley Burd, Brandy Carver, Beth Davidson, Brandy Feagan, Alison Gregory, Bryne Jacobs, Sara Kise, Carla Kolodey, Anne Marie Landry, Amy Rigsby, Toyah Robey, & Peggy Sinclair-Morris.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Rhodes & Matt Shafer

SUMMARY: Dr. Bryon Darnell welcomed the group and extended gratitude for their willingness to serve as PrAC members. A brief discussion of the upcoming legislative session occurred with overview information provided regarding broadening options for emergency substitutes to address the critical shortage. Encouragement to utilize the P3 webpage as a tool for support was also provided.

Agenda Item: Approve Summary from Last Meeting and Roll Call of Members

Presenter: Suzanne Farmer, PrAC Chairperson

Summary of Discussion: Members verbally and visually verified attendance. Farmer asked for approval of the September 2021 Summary Minutes. Nick Brooks made a motion to approve, Alison Gregory provided a second. PrAC members used chat to verify individual approval of the minutes.

Agenda Item: KY Family Friendly Schools and New Statewide Resources

Presenter: Brooke Gill, Family Engagement Director, Prichard Committee

Summary of Discussion: Overview information was provided about the work of the sixty (60) pilot schools participating in the implementation of the newly developed Family Friendly Schools resources. Two members of PrAC, Bryne Jacobs and Brandy Carver, shared insights about the use of the resources thus far. Gill reviewed five of the most popular resources and encouraged PrAC members to use the resources and provide feedback about how the resources might be improved to better support schools.

Feedback: Members appreciated the identification of the top 5 resources. Multiple group members expressed support for spotlighting pilot schools/principals to share their experience.

Agenda Item: High-Quality Instructional Resources (HQIRs)

Presenter: Misty Higgins, Office of Teaching and Learning

Summary of Discussion: To support standards implementation and as a means to promote student equity, KDE has developed a HQIR strategic plan. The purpose is to equip and empower local schools and districts in providing educators access to HQIRs and HQPL so they are better prepared to support all students with engaging, relevant, standards-aligned grade-level assignments. As part of a cross-agency effort, a pilot is starting in January that will last for two years and focus on reading and writing. The pilot will be used to inform future KDE supports. The goal is to add additional content areas to the work. PrAC members were provided links to all of the resources mentioned and they acknowledged the necessity for this work.

Feedback: PrAC members provided support for the work and encouraged KDE to use as many platforms as possible to share the message.

Agenda Item: Building Educator Morale in Schools: A Review of KDE Resources for School Leaders

Presenter: Jenny Ray, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion: In response to feedback from PrAC members about the need to improve educator moral, multiple KDE resources were shared with the group. While reviewing available resources, the idea of “root cause” for low morale was highlighted as an important aspect of resource selection. The group was encouraged to provide ideas about how KDE might be more intentional and effective in supporting principals. A notecatcher was shared as a means to allow participants to add ideas and suggestions after the meeting.

Feedback: A suggestion was made to target first and second year principals with periodic emails about available supports.

Agenda Item: Principal Partnership Project (P3) Support

Presenter: Keith Griesser, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion: An overview of the P3 supports was provided to members. The newest support, P3 Podcast, was highlighted. PrAC member, Bryne Jacobs, shared positive feedback about being part of a recent P3 podcast and encouraged the continuation of the podcasts as many principals reached out to him after it was published. As well, all members were encouraged to attend and facilitate a session at the upcoming EdCamp for principals. Links for EdCamp were shared.

Feedback:

A suggestion was made to include principal stories on core leadership topics for additional podcasts.

Agenda Item: KY Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) Tool Update

Presenter: Stacy Noah, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion: Feedback from the field has indicated a need to update the the KY PSEL Guidance for Growth and Evaluation PrAC members were encouraged to apply to serve and/or nominate someone to serve on the committee that will be charged with updating the resource.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Presenter: Jenny Ray, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion: A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Brooks, seconded by Wayne Ackerman. PrAC members used the chat feature to validate consensus.