



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Principals' Advisory Council (PrAC)

SUMMARY

JUNE 22, 2021

Present: Tamala Howard, Jennifer Hutchison, Bryne Jacobs, Michael Kelley, Robert King, Lisa Perdue, Toyah Robey, Peggy Sinclair-Morris, Shervita West-Jordan

Absent: Kevin Cook, Michelle Ritchie Curtis, Lester Diaz, Melanie Erwin, Darla Payne, Kym Rice, Jerri Rowland

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter; Commissioner of Education Jason E.. Glass

Summary of Discussion: Glass welcomed the group and shared some updates from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). One of the focus areas has been to learn from the COVID-19 pandemic and return to school better in the fall. There are definitely some lessons we can learn from the covid pandemic to improve "school" - there are lots of positives especially around technology and seat time. The commissioner shared some updates on the American Rescue Plan funds that have come to our state and schools in three waves. The commissioner announced that Byron Darnall would be taking over as an associate commissioner for the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (OELE). The commissioner discussed the importance and the ongoing focus on equity and the need to harness our resources and efforts to address the equity issues in our state. We need to diversify the educator workforce by increasing the number of teachers/persons of color in our workforce. A thank you was given to those members who are rotating off of the advisory group after their three (3) years of service.

Agenda Item: Review Summary Minutes from Last Meeting

Presenter: Jenny Ray, PrAC liaison, KDE Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion: Motion was made by Robert King to approve the minutes from the third quarter, March 14, 2021 meeting. A second was made by Toyah Robey. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Feedback: None.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Commissioner’s Student Advisory Council Equity Project Update

Presenters: Anastasia Panaretos, Oldham County Schools, Anna Williams, Anderson County Schools

Summary of Discussion: Students shared a video showcasing how they are supporting the work around equity. In the video they discussed the difference between equity and equality and how those words relate to education. Numerous students from around the commonwealth shared what equity means to them in an effort to create thinking and broaden the understanding of equity. Students then shared ways that everyone can help with the equity issue in our state. The students shared the backstory of how and why they created a video around equity. The students decided to do a project around equity and developed a four-step plan for what they would do which includes the creation of a video, a newsletter, a podcast, and a simulation. The students invited an opportunity for questions to be asked.

Feedback: Members of the PrAC praised the students for their work especially on the video.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Impact Kentucky Survey

Presenter: Veda Stewart, OELE

Summary of Discussion: An overview of the Impact Kentucky Survey and the vendor Panorama was provided. The next survey will be administered in November/December and will be open for 6 weeks. Schools will select a coordinator. The survey is made up of 77 questions in several subsections. The PrAC members were asked to provide feedback around the survey, its administration, and use of the results from the survey. Opportunities to learn more about the Impact Kentucky Survey were shared as well as how to use the data to improve teaching and learning. The council was invited to ask questions.

Feedback: Questions were raised around accessibility of the survey for those with disabilities. A question was raised about how school leaders were feeling about the survey administration. There was lots of discussion around how covid affected the results of the previous survey.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Educational Technology Resources for Digital Leadership

Presenter: Ben Maynard, KDE Office of Educational Technology

Summary of Discussion: Maynard shared information about numerous partnerships that are going on in our state. Information was shared about Coaching Plus and resources available around this partnership/project. Information was shared about the Digital Leading and Learning cohort 2 with Eric Sheninger that will be back for 2021/2022. A possible focus for this will be how to use the data/evidence of learning from blended learning strategies to design rigorous and relevant learning experiences. KySTE will be held in Louisville on Nov. 19, 2021 with Eric Sheninger and Marcia Kish. The council was invited to ask questions around the information provided.

Feedback: The need for embedded differentiated professional learning around technology was emphasized. Teachers and school leaders need continued support around using technology.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Determining a Process for Selecting a Chairperson

Presenter: Jenny Ray, OELE

Summary of Discussion: A new structure for advisory council meetings was shared where a chairperson selected by the group would lead the meeting with support from P3. The responsibilities for the chairperson were shared.

Feedback: One member of the council shared that the chairperson should be someone who is experienced and has been involved in meetings. The ability to be at every meeting was emphasized. It could be a nomination or volunteer for the position.

Follow-up Required: Chairperson will be selected at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Announcements

Presenter: Jenny Ray, OELE

Summary of Discussion: The four dates for next year's PrAC meetings were shared. Information and the link to apply for the Coach Approach Pilot Cohort II was shared. The P3 website was shared and members were encouraged to join the P3 mailing list.

Feedback: None.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Summary of Discussion: Motion was made by Shervita West-Jordan and seconded by Robert King to adjourn. All members in agreement.

Feedback: None.

Follow-up Required: None.

COMMS: JGG