



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Teachers Advisory Council (TAC) SUMMARY

OCT. 1, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela Beavin (came in at 10:58 am), Chandra Britt, Tiffany Dunn, Allen Hensley, Miles Johnson, Bo Mullins, Abigail Nash, Lainey Neal, Noraa Ransey, Beverly Rutledge, Bryanna Shelby, Jolena Sizemore, Garris Stroud, Taylor Sullivan,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Beason, Jennifer Howard, Carrie Walters, John Whipple, Quentin Johnson, Kim Saylor

WELCOME

Glass welcomed the group and shared what he had learned about its work. He thanked the group for their willingness to go above and beyond to meet the needs of students during this most unusual time. Glass said that while we are all consumed with COVID-19, he felt we were doing a better job of managing and understanding it. He discussed the critical focus that we must have on equity and anti-racism as our board of education and government have both set as a priority. He shared the possible upcoming budget reductions and the potential impact of these cuts and potential future reductions and the impact on schools. He shared the possibility of federal help to offset cuts and future reductions to funding. Teacher advisory members extended a welcome to Glass.

Agenda Item:

II. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting and Roll Call of Members

Presenter: Stacy Noah , Kentucky Department of Education, (KDE) TAC Liaison

Summary of Discussion:

Minutes were approved by consensus.

Feedback:

None

Follow-up Required:

None

Agenda Item:

III. COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health: School Re-entry Metric

Presenter:

Dr. Connie White, deputy commissioner for Clinical Affairs, Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH)

Summary of Discussion:

Dr. White extended a thank you to the council for allowing her and DPH to be a part of the meeting. Date cases by week over the last few months were shared with the council. Information was shared about pre-July 4 and post-July 4 as well as what decisions were made and why. The incident rate map for Kentucky by county was shared from the COVID-19 webpage for the state. The K-12 School Self Reporting Data Dashboard was shared and explained how it was to be used by schools. She explained why the self-reporting data and the public health report from DPH will be different and lagged as the health department works to confirm reported cases and update records. The COVID-19 Mode of Instruction Metrics for K-12 Education was shared and discussed. This document is color coded and the four (4) colors were explained.

Feedback:

A question was asked about Healthy at Lunch in schools. White shared the importance of social distancing during lunch and why. She shared ideas like eating outside, using the gym for more space, shop areas, band rooms, etc. (any way of making more space). A question was asked about IN CLASS and “6’ when possible” was asked about from the Healthy at School document. White shared what it meant and what schools should be doing using other spaces when possible. There was a question about HVAC (ventilation) in schools and reporting. Dr. White shared that there is an expectation for schools to take the necessary precautions, but schools do not have to report what is occurring or what precautions are being taken. A question was raised about a student showing symptoms of COVID-19 and a district’s “ability” to require COVID-19 testing.

White shared that they could choose to test and if positive isolate for the ten (10) days when symptoms are resolving OR quarantine per CDC guidelines and after fourteen (14) days there are no manifested symptoms then they can leave quarantine and return to school.

Follow-up Required:

White will send slides to share and add to the master slide deck.

Agenda Item:

IV. Request to Waive Section 2(2)(g) of 704 KAR 3:370, Kentucky Framework for Personnel Evaluation

Presenters:

Rob Akers, KDE associate commissioner, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Todd Davis, division director, Division of Educator Licensure and Quality, KDE Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion:

The waiver to extend the evaluation orientation required in 704 KAR 3:370 was shared, That would allow districts to modify the timeline requiring an evaluation orientation to occur within thirty (30) calendar days from the first day of employment for all employees.

Feedback:

A question was raised regarding surveying teachers about how they do their job and changes. Council members were reminded that the evaluation process and criteria as well as evidence collection and expectations teachers are in the hands of the local district evaluation committee and local school board.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item:

V. Feedback on New Instructional Resources for Teachers

Presenters:

Misty Higgins, professional learning coordinator, Division of Program Standards, KDE Office of Teaching and Learning

Carrie McDaniel, Division of Program Standards, KDE Office of Teaching and Learning

Summary of Discussion:

The KAS 3 Year Implementation Plan was shared. The Kentucky Academic Standards homepage was shared, and an overview was provided (www.kystandards.org). Information about The Distance Learning Playbook book study was shared and resources to assist with improving distance learning in our state were highlighted.

Feedback:

Differentiation for English learners and technology PD for teachers were mentioned as additional support needed.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item:

VI. Feedback on how back-to-school is going so far

Presenter: Stacy Noah, Division of Educator Preparation and Certification, KDE Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion:

The council members were asked the following two questions: *How is it going for teachers using participation vs. attendance? What can you share about your experiences so far with hybrid, remote or face-to face?*

Feedback:

Council members responded to these two questions and shared with each other and shared positive examples and challenges under the new norm we have in our schools. Accountability for students participating with all teachers instead of a few was discussed. Council members shared some information about hybrid learning environments.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item:

VI. Adjournment

Presenter: Stacy Noah

Summary of Discussion: Motion and second was made to adjourn. All members in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm

Feedback:

None.

Follow-up Required:

None.

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