



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Kentucky United We Learn Council  
VIBRANT LEARNING EXPERIENCES (VLE)  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

**JULY 31, 2023**

**Agenda Item:** Welcome and Connection

**Presenter:** Justin Dunning, Committee Chair

**Summary of Discussion:**

Dunning invited committee members to discuss one thing they are excited about for this year.

**Feedback:**

Member responses varied. Some examples include excitement for meeting new students and continuing to see more vibrant learning experiences in schools.

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

**Presenter:** Sarah Snipes, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:**

Snipes took attendance and went over meeting notes from the last meeting and asked for a fist to five approval for those minutes.

**Follow-up Required:**

Committee member ownership of note taking and sharing of notes is a priority. Rhea Isenberg, who is serving as a volunteer notetaker, will officially take over the responsibility of taking notes and sharing.

**Agenda Item:** Slack Communication Platform Orientation

**Presenter:** Susan Strange, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:**

Strange from the Kentucky United We Learn Council gave a brief orientation of the SLACK communication platform that will help the committees communicate with one another

**Follow-up Required:**

Members should log in to their Slack accounts and begin interacting with the platform for council engagements and information.

**Agenda Item:** Cross Committee Collaboration

**Presenter:** Sarah Snipes, Kentucky Department of Education

**Answer the following questions:**

**What do the other committees need to know?**

**What issues and updates have come up regarding Portrait of a Learner?**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Due to rescheduling, other committee representatives were not available. Snipes shared recent written updates from the committees based on the summaries provided from their June/July meetings.

**Follow-up Required:**

Reach out to Accelerating Innovation committee for August meeting and collaboration on systems bank ideation.

**Agenda Item:** Statewide Deeper Learning

**Presenter:** Robb Smith, Kentucky Association of Educational Cooperatives (KAEC)

**Summary of Discussion:**

Smith, who is the statewide deeper learning representative, came to share what his team has been working on with deeper learning and the grant he is working on with the eight regional hubs for districts or the co-ops. He also shared the [Kentucky Association of Educational Cooperatives](#) website. Smith briefly discussed the KAEC Pillars of Deeper Learning from the website.

**Feedback:**

Rachel Albright also shared that the deeper learning teams can point individuals in the right direction to see the work. Susan Dugle said more about access for deeper learning for all in response to De Torres Nunez's concerns for multilingual learners.

**Follow-up Required:**

Continue to learn from deeper learning initiatives and from the co-ops.

**Agenda Item:** Reviewing Committee Competitive Grants for State Assessments (CGSA) Grant Deliverables

**Presenter:** Karen Perry, University of Kentucky Center for Next Generation Leadership

**Summary of Discussion:**

Perry said that learning design decisions will be able to be more focused at the local level and that the committee should be excited to see that shift being supported. She also talked about the CGSA Grant for promised deliverables of professional development and competencies systems.

**Follow-up Required:**

Tightly align project plans to CGSA deliverables when possible.

**Agenda Item: Workgroup Breakouts and Project Planning**

**Presenter:** Various Committee Members

**Summary of Discussion:**

Goal- To create a project plan: where, when and delivered resources.

**Follow-up Required:**

Continue project plan development in August meeting.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

**Presenter:** Justin Dunning, Committee Chair

**Summary of Discussion:**

Dunning closed the meeting with appreciation for members to join and notified members that the next meeting would occur on Aug. 21, 2023.

**SUMMARY:**

The Vibrant Learning Experiences (VLE) Standing Committee met on July 31. To begin the meeting, Project Manager Susan Strange introduced the SLACK platform designed to facilitate communication among the 70 plus members of the Kentucky United We Learn Council. Robb Smith, the statewide director of deeper learning, shared insights on his team's efforts concerning deeper learning as part of a grant he's involved in with the eight regional educational cooperatives, spotlighting the [Kentucky Association of Educational Cooperatives](#) website. The committee discussed a shared interest in the importance of ensuring access to deeper learning for multilingual learners. The committee also heard about the recent contributions of the Accelerating Innovation and Bold New Futures Standing Committees. Karen Perry emphasized the localized focus in learning design decisions and introduced the CGSA Grant deliverables targeting professional development and competency-based systems. Finally, breakout groups were tasked with creating a project plan in support of one of the elements from the VLE's sixth month goal.