

Minutes
**State Board of Education Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and
Deeper Learning Grant**
Friday, January 12, 2018

The Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and Deeper Learning Grant met Friday, January 12, 2018, in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Room E109. The meeting was called to order at 12:59 p.m.

Present: Mireya Reith, Co-Chair; Charisse Dean, Co-Chair; Geania Dickey, Facilitator;; Meghan Ables; Freddie Scott; Kim Wright; Courtney Cochran; and Jennifer Dedman.

Absent: Dr. Mike Hernandez; and Dr. Geraldine Mallette.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Items included in Consent Agenda:

- Minutes – December 15, 2017

Action Agenda

Updates on Pre-Meeting Workplan

Dr. Aurelio Montemayor joined as the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) guest facilitator via conference call.

Ms. Wright shared a PowerPoint of research done by the Arkansas Department of Education (Department) concerning the external stakeholder group and the structure of the internal and external stakeholder groups. Ms. Ables said the Department created an internal team. She said the Department's internal team had a productive meeting on January 8, 2018. She said the Department is looking to diversify the internal team.

Ms. Ables said the people in attendance at the February 7, 2018, meeting will help identify the coalition members. She said the task force would use the feedback from the February 7, 2018, meeting moving forward.

Ms. Wright said she went through each unit at the Department and made note of positions tied to family and community engagement. She said the next step is to reach out to people within those positions, and ensure greater diversity.

Dr. Montemayor said a challenge for the task force to consider is the financial burden of commuting to be part of the stakeholder meeting and the future coalition. He said a question to consider is how the people served through this process are represented by the coalition. He said the task force should consider the financial factors that bar people and organizations without resources from participating.

Ms. Ables said the Department planned to use social media and online communication to communicate across stakeholders.

Ms. Ables said the February 7, 2018, meeting would be at the Arkansas River Educational Cooperative from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ms. Ables said stakeholders at future regional coalition meetings would share communities and businesses that could help inform the standards-creation process.

Ms. Dickey said the time and location for regional meetings would be discussed with stakeholders to take issues with testing, time of day, and other local factors into consideration.

Mr. Scott said the task force's work should inspire local schools, and that local schools should be inspired to share information that would influence the work of their school boards.

Ms. Dickey said ambassador, coalition, and external communications roles are the current levels of engagement for people not on the Department or task force internal groups.

Ms. Cochran said she could work with the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators on publishing lessons learned on the family and community engagement process.

Ms. Dickey said the communication link with families and communities throughout the process is important.

Mr. Scott said community asset mapping is a way to approach the regional meetings and build a conversation around strengths.

Ms. Dickey said financial contributions from other stakeholders to help with sustainability should be considered. She said ForwARd Arkansas is willing to contribute funds.

Develop Agenda

Dr. Montemayor and Ms. Wright agreed to work on the agenda for the February 7, 2018, meeting.

Dr. Montemayor said the February 7, 2018, meeting should be centered on focused, small group conversation. He said the physical space set up should facilitate critical, small group roundtable discussions.

Invitation

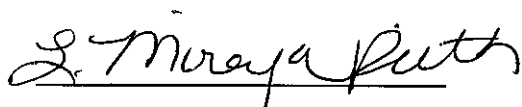
Ms. Dickey said the invitation should be presented in flyer form. She said additional information on the role that the stakeholders could take in the process would also be helpful.

Ms. Dickey said the invitation should highlight the work being done within the Department leading up to the initial external stakeholder meeting in February.


Mr. Scott, Ms. Ables, and Ms. Wright committed to edit the invitation.

Adjournment

Ms. Dickey moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Mireya Reith, Co-Chair



Charisse Dean, Co-Chair

