

**Minutes**  
**State Board of Education Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and  
Deeper Learning Grant**  
**Monday, April 30, 2018**

The Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and Deeper Learning Grant met Monday, April 30, 2018, in the Arkansas Department of Education Room 201-A. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

Present: Mireya Reith, Co-Chair (via conference call); Charisse Dean, Co-Chair; Meghan Ables; Freddie Scott; Kim Wright; Courtney Cochran; Dr. Geraldine Mallette; and Jennifer Dedman. Mr. Aurelio Montemayor joined via conference call.

Absent: Dr. Mike Hernandez and Geania Dickey, Facilitator.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Reith moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Items included in Consent Agenda:

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**Action Agenda**

**ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement**

Ms. Dedman said there were changes to the rules to eliminate redundant sections covered in other rules. She said other areas of the rules were updated to include changes in the 2017 legislative session.

**Plan Remaining Subcommittee Meetings**

Ms. Reith shared that April 30, 2018, was Ms. Dickey's last day with ForwARd Arkansas. She said the task force would need to find funding to support her future work with the group.

Ms. Wright said she had discussions with Jeff Capizzano about securing Kellogg funding. She said the Department is working on ways to secure Ms. Dickey and Mr. Montemayor for continued external supports.

Ms. Wright said the Instruction subcommittee meeting would be on May 15, 2018. She said the Culture subcommittee meeting would be on May 16, 2018. Both meetings would take place at the Pulaski Technical College Business and Industry Center. Ms. Wright said the expectation is to have a minimum of 20 stakeholders per group. Ms. Wright said each school administrator was asked to bring additional parents and students.

Mr. Montemayor said the first two subcommittee meetings went well. Mr. Montemayor said he would be present May 14-16, 2018, for the remaining subcommittee meetings from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Ables said Ms. Dean was interested in joining the Leadership subcommittee. She said the hope is for Dr. Fitzgerald Hill to join the Culture subcommittee in his official Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) capacity.

Ms. Ables said the goal is to have preliminary standards ready in early fall 2018.

Mr. Reith said the task force would need to engage district leadership in the process and be aware of potential resistance.

### **Discuss and Plan Focus Groups**

Ms. Wright said the family and community engagement internal team wanted to include school coaches and reach out specifically to foster more male involvement. She said parent coordinators and facilitators would be included in this process.

Ms. Reith recommended that in addition to the planned focus groups, there be focus groups with representatives of lower-performing schools and centralized on different regions of the state. She said focus groups with higher performing schools would also be helpful due to the correlation with high performance and parent engagement. She said best practices for family engagement could be gauged from task forces in high-performing communities.

Mr. Scott said the schools with performance in the average range would also be important to include in focus groups.

Ms. Ables said the task force would need to meet more often as a team to ensure that all of the expressed goals come to fruition. Ms. Reith said focus group work could be outsourced for additional support, and that she and Ms. Dean could link the task force to additional funding resources.

The task force decided to forgo a May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting after the State Board meeting and meet on May 16, 2018, at the Pulaski Technical College Business and Industry Center 3303 East Roosevelt Road in Little Rock.

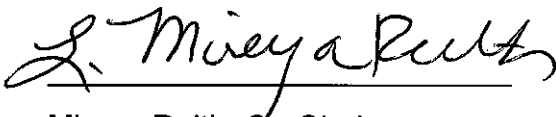
## **Plan for Fall Regional Meetings**

Ms. Wright said the internal family and community engagement team were working with local communities to confirm times and locations for the fall regional meetings.

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Reith moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Kelicia Hollis*

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Mireya Reith, Co-Chair

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Charisse Dean, Co-Chair

