

Minutes
**State Board of Education Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and
Deeper Learning Grant**
Thursday, June 21, 2018

The Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and Deeper Learning Grant (Task Force) met Thursday, June 21, 2018, in the Copper Grill meeting room at 300 E. 3rd St. #101, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The meeting was called to order at 1:49 p.m.

Present: Mireya Reith, Co-Chair; Charisse Dean, Co-Chair; Geania Dickey, Facilitator; Meghan Ables; Kim Wright.

Absent: Freddie Scott; Dr. Geraldine Mallette; Courtney Cochran; Dr. Mike Hernandez; and Jennifer Dedman.

Consent Agenda

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

Items included in consent agenda:

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Action Agenda

Ms. Reith asked that the group consider the transition of Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) member Dr. Fitz Hill onto the task force starting in July 2018 in addition to other items on the agenda.

Update from Core Team

Ms. Ables said the subcommittee Zoom meetings were good. She said most participants were not prepared for the Zoom but that the conversations eventually flowed. She said the overall feedback was to create easy-to-read standards. She said stakeholders requested a visually appealing one (1) page document.

Ms. Wright said the standards would have key words with embedded links. She said it would be easy for parents to use as well.

Ms. Reith said the Family and Community Engagement (FCE) core team could provide access to the standards on the Arkansas Department of Education (Department) website. She said a link in the “Quick Links” section would be beneficial. She said many users would access the site from their personal phones. She said Google offered

automatic translation options to the language of a phone's operating system. She said this alleviated the need to translate most material outside of attachments.

Ms. Dean said there could be a separate app for the standards and toolkit as well.

Examine Budget for Upcoming ADE Family and Community Engagement Work

Ms. Ables said the FCE core team needed human capital support to sustain the work.

Ms. Dickey said Winthrop Rockefeller funding was pending. She said this funding would support her role on the task force as a facilitator.

Ms. Wright said she sent a query concerning W.K. Kellogg Foundation funding. She said she was waiting to hear back. She said support for Aurelio Montemayor as an Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) facilitator was part of the funding budget.

Ms. Reith said additional funding needs should be communicated to the State Board in July 2018. She said she would speak with leaders of the Schott Foundation for Public Education's Opportunity to Learn campaign. She said there was an opportunity for funding through this organization.

Ms. Dean said she had a preliminary meeting with a philanthropist concerning additional funding. She said she was working on a follow-up conversation.

Ms. Reith said she would close out the Deeper Learning Grant funding paperwork under her tenure and transfer the role to Ms. Dean. She said additional NASBE funding was possible. She said Arkansas should consider taking a more visible role in NASBE. She said greater visibility increased chances for funding.

Ms. Reith said the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) was another potential funding source. She said the task force should reach out to Arkansas Senator Joyce Elliott as a point of contact. She said Senator Elliott had a prominent leadership role in SREB.

Review Outcomes

Ms. Reith said the State Board's role was to add value to what the task force aimed to achieve. She said a State Board liaison reports back to the State Board. She said a State Board task force accomplished clearly defined work.

Outline Next Steps

Ms. Wright said the initial goal was to have a first draft of the standards by June. She said the FCE core team was now aiming to have the first draft done in August 2018.

Ms. Ables said the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) schools in Arkansas had the task of pinpointing their essential standards. Ms. Ables said it would be beneficial to have Special Projects Manager Ms. Tina Smith help guide the core team on how to generate a list of "power standards."

Ms. Reith said the core team would also need to elaborate on the one (1) page standards for further guidance.

Ms. Reith said the task force would look different in the second year. She said it was important for the task force to clearly define the type of support needed from the State Board.

Ms. Ables said a work session for the State Board was pending. She said the FCE core team were considering offering a power standards draft to the State Board for feedback. She said the core team could then take the feedback and build the full set of standards.

Ms. Dickey said the task force should consider the Arkansas Department of Education 2019 summit as a benchmark for goalsetting and work backwards. She said the team needed to delegate tasks. She said it was important that anyone who joined in on the work understood the big-picture goal from the perspective of the coordinators.

Ms. Wright said the FCE core team needed to spread out responsibilities to stakeholders across Arkansas.

Ms. Ables said the FCE core team needed help getting stakeholders to the regional meetings in the fall. She said factory worker stakeholders were needed for the September 18, 2018, meeting in McGhee, Arkansas.

Ms. Dickey said the Society for Human Resource Management would be a helpful point of contact in disseminating information about the regional meetings to their listserv.

Ms. Wright said the FCE core team would reach out for mayoral and legislator attendance at the regional meetings. She said Representative DeAnn Vaught would be helpful in this effort.

The next task force meeting was set for Friday, July 13, 2018, immediately following the State Board meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Ables moved, seconded by Ms. Dickey, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Charisse Dean

Charisse Dean, Chair

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