

**Minutes**  
**State Board of Education Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and  
Deeper Learning Grant**  
**Friday, December 15, 2017**

The Task Force on Family Engagement in Learning and Deeper Learning Grant met Friday, December 15, 2017, in the Arkansas Department of Education Room 201-A. The meeting was called to order at 12.22 p.m.

Present: Mireya Reith, Co-Chair; Geania Dickey, Facilitator; Meghan Ables (via conference call); Freddie Scott; Dr. Mike Hernandez; Dr. Geraldine Mallette; and Kim Wright.

Absent: Courtney Cochran, 2017 Arkansas Teacher of the Year; Charisse Dean, Co-Chair

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Ms. Ables, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Items included in the Consent Agenda:

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**Action Agenda**

**Announcement**

Ms. Kim Wright was appointed State Director for Family and Community Engagement and is the newest member of the task force.

**A-1 Unfinished Business**

Ms. Ables said she, Dr. Mallette, and Ms. Wright attended the CCSSO Family Engagement in Learning meeting in early December. The group received positive feedback for the progress Arkansas has made in formalizing plans for coalition building work, creating timelines, and building family engagement in learning standards. Ms. Wright said the delegation received positive feedback to propel them forward. Dr. Mallette said leaders from other states gave constructive feedback.

Ms. Wright said there could be distinctive groups of external stakeholders based on what she saw from the CCSSO meeting. The group considered potential categories of external stakeholders.

Ms. Ables said there is internal work happening in the Department. She said there is an opportunity to bring those people together as part of an internal stakeholder group.

Ms. Reith said she would like to offer her relationships with national groups to the task force as well as resources for tangible, monetary-related needs. She said having a broader meeting with potential coalition members on their capacity to contribute to the task force's goals is important. She said committed, community-engaged external partners are needed to help districts implement what is being set up by the coalition.

Dr. Hernandez said the Department would conduct a district needs assessment in December. He said the assessment would be a tool for districts and schools made publically.

Dr. Hernandez said family engagement in learning is part of the Department's needs assessment. He said the work being done by the task force would drive the Department's needs assessment related to family engagement.

Ms. Reith and Ms. Dickey said the external stakeholders could be divided by age groups. Ms. Reith said the task force should focus on an integrated approach when bringing together stakeholders.

## **A-2 Finalize First Quarter (2018) Timeline of Events and Deadlines**

Mr. Scott said invited external stakeholders should share whether or not education is a priority on their list and whether their work aligns with the goals of the task force.

The tentative meeting date with external stakeholders is February 7, 2017, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ms. Ables agreed to send a save-the-date for the event. Ms. Dickey said she would work on meeting space logistics with state board liaison, Ms. Kelicia Hollis. Ms. Wright agreed to compile and reach out to all recommended coalition meeting members.

Ms. Reith said the group could consider the Deeper Learning Grant for both space and working lunch needs.


## **Adjournment**

Ms. Ables moved, seconded by Ms. Reith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Kelicia Hollis*



Mireya Reith, Co-Chair



Charisse Dean, Co-Chair