

Standards of Learning Innovation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Assessment 2.0 Subcommittee Meeting

Conference Room 3, Patrick Henry Building

May 19, 2015 1:00-4:00pm

Attendees

Present Committee Members:

Dr. Stewart Roberson, Dr. Steve Staples, Dabney Carr, Dr. Jared Cotton, Dr. Kim Paddison Dockery, Deborah Frazier, Sarah Gross, Dr. Roger Hathaway, Delegate Rob Krupicka, Dr. Tara Lateef, Dr. Susan Magliaro, Dr. Brian Matney, Dr. Laurie McCullough, Dr. Alan Seibert, Karen Thomsen, Dr. Chriss Walther-Thomas, Dr. William White, Wade Whitehead, Ben Williams, Renee Zando.

Antoinette Rogers sat in for Meg Gruber and represented the VEA.

Dr. Jenny Sue Flannigan was present via conference call.

Absent Committee Members:

Chris Braunlich and Secretary Anne Holton were absent.

Scribe

Lisa Jackson

Agenda

- **Welcome, Introductions, and Updates**
- **Update from Board of Education and Virginia Department of Education**
- **Lessons from the Field – Whole Group**

- **Lessons from a Teacher/Practitioner Perspective – Whole Group**
- **Lessons from Other States and Countries – Small Groups**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjournment**

Welcome, Introductions, and Updates

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- **1:04pm** – Jared Cotton called the meeting to order
 - Jared reviewed the updated documents (i.e. Purpose of Assessment and Glossary of Terms)
 - Stewart shared thoughts from Secretary Holton regarding going bold with the new recommendations.
 - Jared reviewed the agenda and activities for the day.

Update from Board of Education and Virginia DOE

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- Steve Staples provided an update from the Board of Education and the Virginia Department of Education.
 - Described the tracks that the BOE is currently working on – incorporating progress, separating growth and progress, multiple accreditation labels, accessing and validating student progress.
 - Jared presented the “Balanced Assessment” powerpoint which can be found in the Committee Dropbox account.
 - Jared briefed subcommittee on several items that Henry County has used with their students to test college readiness including the Virginia Placement Test and the College Work Readiness Assessment.

Lessons from the Field-Whole Group

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- Ben Williams presented on the state of testing in Roanoke.
 - Explained their use of multiple measure assessments and their use of alternate teacher evaluation tools.
 - Kim Dockery presented on the Portrait of a Graduate from Fairfax County.
 - Handout is available in the Committee Dropbox folder.

- Jared and the subcommittee members discussed take-aways from the respective presentations.
 - Take-aways included:
 - Academic progress and multiple types of assessment and locally created assessments
 - Balance of census testing vs. sampling
 - Mapping of local tests
 - Define local assessment requirements vs state requirements
 - Implement project-based, performance assessments, CTE-verified credits
 - Need to remove barriers to be able to use good assessments
 - Equity
 - Teachers more involved
 - What do we want students to be able to do by elem, by middle, by HS – shouldn't assessments be used to do just that
 - Focus on what a graduate can do vs. what subjects they can pass
 - Skill based utilizing the content
 - All students should be able to communicate on grade level, not just reading but other communication skills

Lessons from a Teacher/Practitioner Perspective-Whole Group

- Wade Whitehead presented on the experience of testing as a practitioner.
 - Handout available in Committee Dropbox folder.

Lessons from Other States and Countries-Small Groups

- Agenda item was postponed.

Next Steps

- Jared will be working on initial recommendations based on take-aways and presentations.

- Next Meeting Dates:
 - Full Committee Meeting
 - August 26, 2015 – 10:00am-1:00pm, West Reading Room, Patrick Henry Building, 1111 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219
 - October 29, 2015 – 10:00am-1:00pm, West Reading Room, Patrick Henry Building, 1111 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219

Adjournment

- **1:05pm** – Meeting was adjourned by Jared.