

Standards of Learning Innovation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Full Committee Meeting

Teleconference

October 8, 2015 – 9:00am – 11:00am

Attendees

Present Committee Members:

Kelly Booz, Billy Cannaday, Dabney Carr, Jared Cotton, Karen Cross, Creigh Deeds, Kim Dockery, Jenny Sue Flannagan, Tag Greason, Sarah Gross, Meg Gruber, Roger Hathaway, Anne Holton, Tara Lateef, Jim LeMunyon, Susan Magliaro, Brian Matney, Laurie McCullough, Stewart Roberson, Alan Seibert, Steve Staples, Karen Thomsen, Christine Walther-Thomas, William White, Wade Whitehead, Benjamin Williams, and Sanford Williams.

Absent Committee Members:

Grace Chung Becker, Shawnrell Blackwell, Jeff Bourne, Terri Breeden, Susanna Burgos, Veronica Donahue, Deborah Frazier, Lillie Jessie, Rob Krupicka, Steve Martin, Roxann Robinson, Jeion Ward and Renee Zando were absent.

Scribe

Stefani Thachik

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Feedback on Introduction of Recommendations**
- **Feedback on Principle I**
- **Feedback on Principle II**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjournment**

Welcome

- **9:04am** – Dr. Stewart Roberson called the meeting to order.
 - Stefani Thachik conducted a roll call of committee members.
- Dr. Stewart Roberson thanked the committee and asked for any brief updates from the Secretary of Education, Department of Education, and Board of Education.
 - Secretary Anne Holton thanked the committee for the work and noted many of the recommendations have been moving forward.
 - Dr. Steve Staples thanked the committee and apologized for his need to depart early.
 - Dr. Billy Cannaday thanked the committee and said the Board will continue to remain a partner to the committee.
- Dr. Stewart Roberson provided an overview of the agenda with a focus on the process for giving feedback on the draft of SOL Recommendations (see Dropbox).
 - Delegate Tag Greason commented about the opportunity to provide feedback outside of the teleconference and about the possibility of being more specific with who is responsible for the recommendations.
 - Dr. Stewart Roberson asked for additional comments from legislators. Senator Creigh Deeds thanked the committee and stated a lot of thought went into these documents.

Feedback on Introduction of Recommendations

- Dr. Stewart Roberson asked the committee to begin by focusing on feedback for the introduction to the document (See Dropbox).
 - The committee discussed the need to broaden the focus from the economy to include both the economy and citizenry and the need to make lasting changes not limited to the current workforce needs or the 21st century.
 - The committee discussed rewording the belief statements to emphasize reduced reliance on traditional standardized tests and approaches that better capture student skill sets.

Feedback on Principle 1

- Dr. Stewart Roberson asked the committee to focus on feedback for Statement of Principle I and the four corresponding recommendations (See Dropbox).
 - The committee discussed acknowledging the need for fewer and better standards, making assessments valid and fair, balanced assessment and clarifying wording, such as ‘redesign high school.’
 - The committee also discussed short versus long term goals of the recommendations; use of Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) as an approach; and the need for growth and benchmark measures.
 - The committee acknowledged need to address implications of recommendations such as implementation and teacher certification programs.

Feedback on Principle 2

- Dr. Stewart Roberson asked the committee to focus on feedback for Statement of Principle II and the three corresponding recommendations (See Dropbox).
 - The committee discussed clarifying the language by emphasizing the need for quality, defining and clarifying terms such as school climate and ‘the story of a school,’ adding additional language on how schools are closing and addressing equity gaps, and that the public has a desire to compare schools while eliminating the ranking of schools.
 - The committee discussed the need to refine the recommendations to show what is currently being done in order to shift the focus on the need for resources to continue to support these schools, with support being prompt and timely.

Next Steps

- Committee members with additional feedback should submit these comments to Stefani Thachik (stefani.thachik@governor.virginia.gov) by October 15.

- Next Assessment 2.0 Subcommittee Date:
 - October 13, 2015, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Teleconference Meeting
- Next Full Committee Meeting Date:
 - October 29, 2015, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Patrick Henry Building, West Reading Room
1111 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219

Adjournment

- Dr. Stewart Roberson closed the meeting out at 10:58am.