

Standards of Learning Innovation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Joint Accountability 2.0 and Assessment 2.0 Subcommittee Meeting

Online

November 24, 2015 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Attendees

Present Committee Members:

Dabney Carr, Dr. Jared Cotton, Dr. Kim Dockery, Deborah Frazier, Meg Gruber, Dr. Jenny Sue Flannagan, Sarah Gross, Lillie Jessie, Dr. Tara Lateef, Dr. Brian Matney, Dr. Laurie McCullough, Dr. Stewart Roberson, Dr. Alan Seibert, William White, Wade Whitehead, and Ben Williams.

Absent Committee Members:

Kelly Booz, Dr. Billy Cannaday, Karen Cross, Dr. Roger Hathaway, Secretary Anne Holton, Dr. Sue Magliaro, Dr. Steve Staples, Karen Thomsen, and Dr. Chriss Walther-Thomas.

Scribe

Stefani Thachik

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Goals and Purpose**
- **Norms and Expectations**
- **The Big Picture**
 - **How does everything fit together?**
 - **Does this approach make sense to you?**
 - **If not, what pieces do not make sense?**
 - **Are there any gaps that we need to address as a group?**

- **Next Steps**
 - **Volunteers**
- **Adjournment**

Welcome and Introductions

- **1:00pm** – Dr. Laurie McCullough called the meeting to order.
- Dr. Laurie McCullough listed the participants in attendance and discussed the procedure for using the Adobe Connect platform. Committee members will provide feedback via a chat option or “hand raised” icon.

Goals and Purpose

- Dr. Jared Cotton discussed the goals and purpose of the joint subcommittee.
 - Dr. Jared Cotton discussed the need for the two subcommittees to come together to form a meaningful framework that is understandable by all.
 - To help illustrate the intertwined work of the subcommittees, Dr. Jared Cotton, Dr. Laurie McCullough, and Dr. Alan Seibert introduced a graphic (see Dropbox or end of minutes) to show the holistic nature of the committee’s work.

Norms and Expectations

- Dr. Jared Cotton briefly discussed the norms and expectations of the joint subcommittee, which includes getting help and feedback on further developing a framework.

The Big Picture

- Dr. Jared Cotton walked the committee through the proposed framework (See Dropbox).

- Dr. Jared Cotton shared the purpose of the graphic is to show the big picture of the committee's work and to facilitate conversation. The committee was asked to continue to think about the graphic and any supporting materials needed. Feedback should be sent to Dr. Laurie McCullough, Dr. Jared Cotton, or Stefani Thachik.
- The committee discussed: alignment with anticipated ESEA changes at the federal level, testing the diagram with different audiences, school quality profiles vs. report cards, further explanation of diagram, inclusion of teacher quality, differentiating short term and long term actions, clarifying language, state and local level assessments, addressing the inclusion of all students including English Language Learners and students with disabilities, and integration of disciplines.
- Dr. Jared Cotton asked the committee if combining subcommittees made sense and to offer any feedback on this approach. Dr. Cotton also asked if the joint subcommittee was capturing the essence of the work completed by Accountability 2.0 and Assessment 2.0.
 - Dr. Laurie McCullough highlighted Dr. Kim Dockery's comment that it will be a real challenge to balance both the conceptual and descriptive within the graphic. The committee should be careful not to over simplify.
 - Dr. Laurie McCullough shared the need to make sure the committee is developing steps strategically for more systematic change, rather than having stakeholders pick only a few goals in isolation for short-term wins. Dr. Cotton emphasized we cannot focus only on short term wins.
 - The committee discussed possible audiences for the graphic and concern over fragmentation of recommendations (such as unintended consequences of removing the writing test, for example).
 - Dr. Stewart Roberson discussed the future of the committee which has moved from short-term goals in the first year to leaving a legacy that can inform future policy committees.
- Dr. Jared Cotton asked if there were any gaps that needed to be addressed as a group.

Next Steps

- Dr. Jared Cotton asked for volunteers to help work on adapting the graphic.
 - Dr. Kim Dockery, Dr. Alan Seibert, and Dr. Brian Matney agreed to help incorporate feedback into the graphic.

- This working group will work on providing updated versions for the next December and January meetings.
- Dr. Alan Seibert suggested the working group merge the two subcommittee reports with headings that support the graphic.
- Lillie Jessie expressed interest in dealing with the ‘How’ of the graphic.
- Dr. Jared Cotton and Dr. Laurie McCullough asked for feedback on the online meeting format.
 - Wade Whitehead, Sarah Gross, Ben Williams, Kim Dockery and Alan Seibert preferred the online format.
 - Dr. Laurie McCullough volunteered to stay online for an additional ten minutes, so committee members could continue to share their feedback via chat.
 - The framework graphic and chat transcription will be provided to committee members.
- Next Joint Subcommittee Meeting Date (In-Person - with Teleconference option):
 - December 11, 2015, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
James Monroe Building, 22nd Floor, Jefferson B & C Rooms
101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Adjournment

- Dr. Laurie McCullough closed the meeting out at 1:44pm.

