

Standards of Learning Innovation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Assessment 2.0 Subcommittee Meeting

Teleconference

August 19, 2015 – 10:00am – 1:00pm

Attendees

Present Committee Members:

Dr. Billy Cannaday, Dabney Carr, Dr. Jared Cotton, Dr. Kim Dockery, Dr. Jenny Sue Flannagan, Sarah Gross, Meg Gruber, Dr. Tara Lateef , Dr. Sue Magliaro, Dr. Brian Matney, Dr. Laurie McCullough, Dr. Stewart Roberson, Dr. Alan Seibert, and Ben Williams.

Absent Committee Members:

Sarah Gross, Dr. Roger Hathaway, Secretary Anne Holton, Dr. Laurie McCullough, Dr. Steve Staples, Karen Thomsen, Wade Whitehead, and Renee Zando were absent.

Scribe

Stefani Thachik

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Review of Assessment Design Principles**
- **Tuning Protocol – Draft Assessment Model**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjournment**

Welcome and Introductions

- **10:04am** – Dr. Jared Cotton called the meeting to order.

- Stefani Thachik conducted a roll call of subcommittee members and asked that everyone place their call on mute unless speaking in order to avoid background noise.
- Dr. Jared Cotton provided an overview of the agenda.
- Dr. Jared Cotton asked if anyone had follow-up questions from previous meetings.
 - Dr. Tara Lateef reflected on conversation from the previous meeting regarding consideration of short-term goals for immediate relief while keeping the long-term goals in mind. Dr. Stewart Roberson followed up by thanking the committee for their work and briefly talking about the upcoming full committee meeting which will focus on desired results and laying the groundwork.
 - Dr. Kim Dockery asked for additional clarification to be provided for teachers, especially for any late changes made to assessment.
- Update from the State Board of Education by Dr. Billy Cannaday.
 - Supported the notion that long-term views that are clear can help guide policy. Acknowledged Secretary of Education Anne Holton for accomplishing quick implementation in previous year. Dr. Cannaday asked for Jennie O'Holleran to provide an update.
 - Jennie O'Holleran updated on the progress of SOA regulations and the process to implement the additional categories of accreditation for the current school year.
- Update from the Virginia Department of Education provided by Susan Williams.
 - Reminded the group of the upcoming DOE board meetings on September 9 and September 10. The Department will be starting a more comprehensive review of standards of accreditation

Review of Assessment Design Principles

- Dr. Jared Cotton reviewed updates made to the Assessment Design Principles document and asked for feedback (See Dropbox).
 - The committee discussed how to incorporate the process for developing the assessment, appropriateness of the test, test validity, alignment of test content with framework, defining rigor in the curriculum, the inclusion of science literacy, comprehensiveness of the test, and connecting assessment to improved instruction.
 - Dr. Alan Siebert recommended developing a communication plan to show the General Assembly the results of previous work from the committee.

- Dr. Jared Cotton will continue to work on revisions to document.

Tuning Protocol – Draft Assessment Model

- Dr. Jared Cotton asked for questions about the tuning protocol process and then provided an overview of K-12 model (See Dropbox).
 - Questions included clarification of what is being currently done and where Pre-K fits into the model. Dr. Jared Cotton stated Pre-K will be added.
- Dr. Jared Cotton asked for suggestions from the committee.
 - Subcommittee discussed removing grade levels off of document, high quality science assessment, providing choice, option for substitute tests in high school, and connecting model to workforce and postsecondary education.
 - Members of the committee discussed on-demand testing expressing concern due to logistics, need to measure growth for all students, and the reality that teachers and teacher preparation programs will have to be changed.
 - Other feedback including adding a note to clarify that full implementation would require significant revisions to assessment and accreditation.
- Dr. Jared Cotton will make changes to the working draft and briefly present draft at next full committee meeting.

Next Steps

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

Adjournment

- Jared closed the meeting out at 11:51am.