

# **Standards of Learning Innovation Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Assessment 2.0 Subcommittee Meeting

Teleconference

September 22, 2015 – 10:00am – 12:00pm

### **Attendees**

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#### **Present Committee Members:**

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. Stewart Roberson, Dr. Alan Seibert, Dr. Steve Staples, Karen Thomsen, and Ben Williams.

#### **Absent Committee Members:**

Dr. Billy Cannaday, Dr. Roger Hathaway, Secretary Anne Holton, Dr. Laurie McCullough, Wade Whitehead, and Renee Zando were absent.

### **Scribe**

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Stefani Thachik

### **Agenda**

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- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Review of Feedback from VBOE, School and Division Accountability Committee**
- **Opportunity for Feedback on Assessment 2.0 Documents**
- **Discussion of Skills Assessed for VA Assessment System**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjournment**

## Welcome and Introductions

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- **10:03am** – Dr. Jared Cotton called the meeting to order.
- Dr. Jared Cotton provided an overview of the agenda.
- Dr. Jared Cotton asked if anyone had follow-up questions from previous meetings.
- Update from the Secretary of Education provided by Jennie O’Holleran.
  - The Office of the Secretary of Education is working on legislative and budget proposals. Governor Terry McAuliffe stated K-12 is a priority in his budget. The Governor and Secretary of Education are continuing their education listening tour.
- Update from Virginia Board of Education provided by Dr. Steve Staples.
  - Dr. Staples stated Jared Cotton’s presentation to the VBOE, School and Division Accountability Committee was powerful and well-received. It will be further discussed at the next Board meeting on October 21.
- Update from SOL Innovation Full Committee provided by Dr. Stewart Roberson.
  - Dr. Stewart Roberson thanked all involved for their efforts.

## Review of Feedback from VBOE, School and Division Accountability Committee

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- Dr. Jared Cotton reviewed feedback from his Assessment 2.0 Subcommittee update for the Virginia Board of Education Accountability Committee (See Dropbox).
  - The committee discussed the feedback focusing on length of the test, computer adaptive testing (CAT), connections to career and college readiness, and the relationship to the development of state standards.
  - Members of the committee further CAT sharing research available, personal experience in using CAT and the possibility of merging the assessment and accountability committees in regards to the use of CAT. The committee will further discuss CAT at the next meeting and Shelley Loving-Ryder will provide additional research.
  - Other feedback included concern about revisions to the standards and their associated assessments, excitement over the proposed model with a focus

on the advanced high school column. Dr. Alan Seibert suggested the proposed model should include a bar across the bottom that addresses the model for English Language Learners and students with disabilities.

- Dr. Jared Cotton provided a link to the video of the presentation for viewing (Select Part I for the September 19, 2015 meeting):  
[http://www.pen.k12.va.us/boe/committees\\_standing/accountability/index.shtml](http://www.pen.k12.va.us/boe/committees_standing/accountability/index.shtml)

## **Opportunity to Provide Feedback on Committee Documents**

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- Dr. Jared Cotton asked for feedback on the following documents: Assessment Glossary; Assessment Design Principles; Proposed Assessment Model (See Dropbox).
  - The committee discussed statistical sampling versus census sampling. This discussion included the need for clarity as they talked about progress measures, issuing individual results and school division results, addressing public perception and awareness of sampling.
  - Members of the committee discussed the complexity of on-demand testing with a focus on how assessment would drive instruction, how it would affect growth measures, change culture, and could result in alternate models. The committee will discuss further in order to plan for all the components.
  - Dr. Shelley Loving-Ryder suggested that a row be added to the proposed assessment model to recognize the importance of classroom assessments across grades.

## **What skills should be assessed as a part of the VA Assessment System?**

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- Dr. Jared Cotton led the discussion by asking what the committee's role should be in identifying needs to be assessed.
  - Dr. Stewart Roberson suggested the committee's final report should make reference to the most valuable skills. Further discussion included providing examples of skills, but not an exhaustive list, as well as continuing the discussion in future meetings.

- Dr. Jared Cotton will work on pulling skills identified in committee's previous documents to weave into report.

## **Next Steps**

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- Dr. Jared Cotton asked for any additional comments from the committee.
  - A graduate assistant with Dr. Sue Magliaro is working on compiling research on assessment models from other states and countries for the next meeting.
- Next Full Committee Meeting Dates:
  - October 8, 2015 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Teleconference
  - October 29, 2015, 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Patrick Henry Building, West Reading Room  
1111 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219
- Next Assessment 2.0 Subcommittee Meeting Date:
  - October 13, 2015, 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
Teleconference

## **Adjournment**

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- Jared closed the meeting out at 11:26am.