

Accredited Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Meeting
February 9, 2012
Grimes State Office Building—State Board Room
1:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance – Joan Thompson, Mary Weiser, Christi Lines, Luvern Gubbels, Jeff Henderson, Jerry Deegan, Kevin Fangman, Lee Morrison, Dan Ryan, Tom Chapman, Mike Cormack, Beth Happe, Thomas Mayes, Ann Feilmann.

2012 Legislative Session – Mike Cormack discussed the funnel deadline and which issues are in jeopardy. There is availability to stream the session on the legislative website. The group discussed several of the education reform issues and proposed legislation. The committee expressed concern about the educational clearinghouse which is part of the proposed education reform package. The DE is supportive of full funding of nonpublic transportation.

IDEA Expectations – Thomas Mayes presented how state and federal laws related to special education services in accredited nonpublic schools are intended to work. Comparable services should be the expectation for students. The issues identified included consistency across the AEA's and state as to services that are possible. The presentation explained to the group what is possible. The DE is willing to make presentations and to become involved in situations in which there are conflicts.

Wellness Committee Expectations – Ann Feilmann explained the role local Wellness Committees should play as it relates to school lunch programs. Essentially, those committees play no role as it is the responsibility of local food service directors to ensure that menus follow the federal guidelines. She also reviewed those new guidelines for the group.

ESEA Waiver – Kevin Fangman presented detailed information on the ESEA waiver that was submitted to the United States Department of Education. He carefully outlined the expectations this waiver, if approved, would have on all schools, including accredited nonpublic schools. This presentation can be made available to local groups as needed.

Agenda Items for the May 8 meeting include:

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Internet Safety Policy