

Accredited Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Meeting
October 2, 2012
Grimes State Office Building—State Board Room
1:00 p.m.
Agenda
Facilitator: David Tilly

Attendance: Darryl DeRuitter, Luvern Gubbels, Jeff Henderson, Dan Ryan, Tom Chapman, Wayne Dykstra, Lea Davidson, Jeff Berger, Dave Tilley, Christi Lines, Lee Morrison, Geri McMahon, Eric Goranson, Nicole Proesch, Carla Day, Mary Weiser, Lee Davison, Mike Cormac, and Beth Happe.

1. Division Reorganization – Over the past 12 months much has been done to work to make the DE more efficient. The new focus will be much more on leadership, systems, educator quality, learning results, and regulatory issues. The goal is to find and build excellence in the schools and high quality. Dr. Tilly and Lea Davidson presented an overview of the new DE reorganization and the four divisions. There was an extensive discussion concerning how the changes will lead to educational excellence for all schools in Iowa. David Tilly
Lea Davidson
2. Department Programmatic Direction – Dr. Tilly gave a brief overview of the new direction and climate of systemic change moving forward. Specific details will be presented at the next meeting. David Tilly
3. Four Year-Old Voluntary Preschool Program Jeff Berger
 - 95 Percent – The private provider can use up to 5% of their allotment to provide administrative support, utilities etc. Those partnerships in place where there are prior “contracts” exist, there is a need for local accountability for the full 95%. The private provider just needs to list proof the money is being spent for the program properly. This does need to be discussed locally. The program needs to provide proof of the intended purpose.

- *Who tracks attendance? Private Partner or Public School?* Private school is in charge. The DE is not collecting attendance data for the programs. *Previous agreements?* Any existing agreement can be amended as needed at the local level. If there is a local need the law supersedes the local agreement. *Accountability?* The funds are designated only to support the preschool program. The challenge is how it has been set up has been the issue in certain locations, leading to the need for clearer legislation. If there is a need for DE input, questions can be sent to Jeff Berger.

4. Title 1 Update – Geri reviewed many of the issues/questions that have been evolving. She showed the group the new verification program in place for nonpublic schools to complete in the fall. Consequences if there was no meaningful consultation? The local school can file a formal complaint if the consultation was not meaningful. Sequestration? Funding will not be affected for 12-13, but could be effected moving forward. If the local leaders agree to utilize STO information to determine Title I funding.

Geri McMahon

5. C-Plan Update – There are plans underway to ensure that the issues of pre-populated data for schools moving forward.

Karla Day

6. Legislative Update

Mike Cormack

- Task Force Information – Mike reviewed the various Task Forces that are in place to study education initiatives. The six groups are approaching deadlines for their reports to be developed and presented. Mike reviewed each Task Force and their progress to date. The discussions have been rich and fruitful. The reports from the various Task Forces are available on the DE website.
- Review Legislative Guidance – There are some administrative rules that are being discussed, especially relating to online learning and competency-based instruction.

7. Iowa Bar Code Reimbursement – It is supported by Title XI.

Next Meeting Date:

December 11, 2011 – State Board Room