Present – Mike Cormack, Dave Tilley, Nicole Proesch, Jay Pennington, Amy Williamson, Jeff Berger, Jeff Henderson, Luvern Guebels, Mary Weiser, Wayne Dykstra, Darrell Veenstra, Christi Lines, Joan Thompson, Thomas Mayes, Eric Goranson

Legislative Update – Mike Cormack is now the liaison with the IHSAA and working with rule development with the DE and his role. Dave explained the new reading research center rules in prek-3. There will be an expansion of the PRAXIS tests required for all new Iowa licensees. The only remaining task force report is on Competency Based Education. All other reports are now available online on the DE website. All DE legislation is now being written. The pre-filed bills will be ready in January. All are advised to check the website for the final draft.

Bullying Reporting – There was discussion concerning required reporting concerning daycare bullying. Nicole Proesch, Amy Williamson and Thomas Mayes explained how these issues could be tied back to the school, thus making it a school issue based on current rules and law. There was considerable discussion concerning specific circumstances that could take place given the unique nature of multiple uses of religious schools and the use of church property.

Transfer of data from nonpublic to public – Advice was given concerning the type of date that is appropriate to share with public schools concerning compliance with federal reports completed by the public school.

Intellectual Property – There was discussion concerning how best to develop procedures and policies concerning how to develop the sharing of intellectual property. A statement as to the best practice will be distributed by Thomas Mayes. Other scenarios were discussed.

Data Reporting from DE – Jay Pennington led a review of data reporting, RTI and Ed Insight. School Reporting in Iowa (formerly EASIER) process is underway. There are now 43 nonpublic schools reporting through this process. The only issue left is the development of the “super district” approach to allow better access for central offices. That is underway and will be completed. It is likely to take a couple more months. Jay gave a demonstration as to how the process will work. The committee reviewed Overcoming the Achievement Divide. This led to discussion on Response to Intervention program. There are several phases that are being developed and rolled out in the fall of 2013. It will start out with Universal Assessment for screening purposes. The process for rolling it out is being developed. Nonpublic schools will be involved.

Future Meetings will be February 5, 2013 and May 7, 2013 in Des Moines.

Future agenda items:
Bullying reporting and investigations
School Reporting in Iowa update – super district