

Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Meeting
February 5, 2013
Grimes State Office Building—State Board Room
1:00 p.m.

Present – Christi Lines, Wayne Dykstra, Jerry Deegan, Jeff Henderson, Dave Tilly, Beth Happe, Lee Morrison, Matt Ludwig, Luvern Guebbels, Nicole Proesch, Isaiah McGee, Thomas Mayes, Amy Williamson, and Mike Cormack.

Legislative Update – Isaiah McGee explained the proposed Education Reform Legislation. The DE is working to be as inclusive as possible with all groups supplying input as the best way to introduce reform to schools. There are five components to the bill, which are an expansion of Iowa Learning Online, Teach Iowa initiative (including the Teach Iowa Scholars Program), Promise Diploma Seals, Administrative/Teacher Evaluation program, and the teacher leadership and compensation (includes a career ladder).

Reading Research Center – Dave Tilly reviewed the Iowa Reading Research Center, which is being set up under the guidance of an advisory panel. Several experts are represented on the panel. The governance structure has been set up under the guidance of the task force. An interim director has been appointed. It emphasis will be K-5 to start. The state regent’s universities are all involved in studying the condition of evidence-based literacy instruction in the state. Universal screenings will also be looked at to determine the best programs available. More information will be forthcoming concerning literacy framework, teacher support for professional learning, and to work with the teacher training programs to adopt these strategies.

Evaluation Requirements – Matt Ludwig described the requirements related to the evaluation process for administrators and teachers. A letter from the DE will be forthcoming concerning the evaluator approval process. All administrators will need to take “Accessing Academic Rigor” as well as two additional credits as part of their license renewal.

Administrative evaluations are to be done annually centering on the standards and goal setting. Each administrator needs to have a professional growth plan. There is no formal guidance as to how it is to be done, but there is a requirement to do it.

Teacher evaluation process is now to be done annually. Peer review is required. Written guidance on peer review is being sent to all nonpublic leaders.

Each teacher is required to have 36 hours of professional development. The Iowa Professional Development Model should be part of what is going on at the local level. This process is considered best practice but does not include nonpublic schools.

Response to Intervention - Dave gave an update on RtI.

Competency-based Education – Dana Schon explained the many facets of competency-based education. The task force continues to do its work. Their report will be presented in November.

Title III – Amy Williamson explained the options concerning graduation requirement and diploma options. Chapter 12 requirements cannot be waived. It is best to work to get assistance related to providing proper services.

Future Topics:
Smarter Balanced Inclusion of Us
Mary's Replacement

Future Meeting Date:

May 7, 2012 – State Board Room