

Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building
May 7, 2013

Present: David Tilly, Nicole Proesch, Dan Ryan, Julie Melcher, Christi Lines, Jerry Deegan, Wayne Dykstra, Vic Jaras, Tom Deeter, Lea Davidson, Sarah McNerny, Beth Happe, Joanne Tubbs, Larry Bice, Joan Thompson, LuVerne Gubbels, and Lee Morrison

I. Reading Initiative

- State currently seeking a permanent executive director.
- Reading Center will be virtual and not a place
- Goal to have all students proficient readers by end of Grade 3
- Work geared toward what teachers need to know and what it should look like
- Will recommend research-based materials that meet reading needs

II. Model Core Curriculum

- There are state leadership teams to provide a framework for all content areas.
- It will use national standards for non-required content areas
- Will provide options and resources; not mandates

III. Smarter Balance

- www.smarterbalance.org for all current information.
- New balanced assessment created within 3 years
- Computer based assessment which will require large band width and improved technology
- State will work with a vendor to deliver the assessment
- Cost approximately \$28 per student
- State law will need to be changed if schools utilize anything other than IA Assessments
- Field testing in 2013-14
- May 29th open for teachers to explore
- Stresses less rote memory and more higher level thinking skills
- Request was made for financial assistance for accredited non-public participation

IV. Legislative Update

- Nothing new as education bills at a standstill.

V. Teacher Licensing Test

- All new teacher education graduates from Jan. 1, 2013 forward must pass pedagogy and a content area assessment prior to earning a license.
- Must score above 25 percentile which is highest in nation (thus far most IA graduates are surpassing the minimum.)
- No teacher may begin service without a license in hand

VI. RtI

- will gear up during 2013-14
- all schools will receive tools to assist with learning
- components:
 - Universal screening assessment K-6
 - 4 year old IGID assessment
 - Progress monitoring tools
 - Information Management Systems (TIE) from New Mexico Education Consortium with a state-wide purchase aligned with Power School and Infinite Campus
 - Assessment results, once entered, will be immediately available for the teacher

VII. 21st Century Program

- Funded with Title IVB
- Districts must consult with accredited nonpublic schools
- Faith-based organizations can apply
- Funds summer and before and after school programs
- Grants announced in September with deadline in December
- Mostly for free & reduced price eligible students with remediation needs and ESL