



Iowa Assessment Task Force

October 15, 2014, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

West Des Moines Learning Center
3550 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, IA

Meeting Notes

Notes submitted by Circe Stumbo

ATTENDEES:

Task Force Members:

Dave Tilly (Chair), Shelly Bosovich, Martha Bruckner, Joe DeHart, Lowell Ernst, Diana Gonzalez, Harry Heiligenthal, Tina L. Hoffman, Mark Lane, JoEllen Latham, Jane Lindaman, Jon W. McKenzie, Angela Olson, Denise Wall, Melanie Wirtz, and Karen Woltman

Facilitator:

Circe Stumbo

DE Staff Observers:

Colleen Anderson; Dianne Chadwick; Tom Deeter; Connor Hood

Others:

Five observers from the public were in attendance; assessment developers participated via technology; and Iowans who were involved in the Next Generation Iowa Assessment field tests joined via technology.

NOTES:

The Task Force meeting convened at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item: Welcome, Introductions, Review and Approve Agenda

The Task Force reviewed and approved the proposed agenda (including a shorter lunch break than originally suggested), the Task Force ground rules and decision rules, and the criteria for recommendations. The Task Force then prepared for the panel discussion.

Agenda Item: Panel of Iowans involved in the Next Generation Iowa Assessments Field or Pilot Tests

The Task Force interviewed students, teachers, principals and curriculum directors who took part in the Next Generation Iowa Assessment field tests last spring. These Iowans were from Norwalk and Seton school districts; they joined via technology.

Agenda Item: Discuss afternoon plans and locate materials

The Task Force reviewed the note-taking template and identified where resources are located for deliberation. The Task Force drafted additional questions for ITP and DRC/SBAC. There was a half hour break for lunch in the middle of this agenda item.

Agenda Item: Follow-up questions with Iowa Testing Program

The Task Force interviewed representatives from Iowa Testing Program via the phone, including Steve Dunbar and Kathy Welch.

Agenda Item: Follow-up questions with DRC and SBAC

Task Force interviewed representatives from SBAC and DRC via technology, including Joe Willhoft and Tony Alpert of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, and Patricia McDivitt, Sara, and John of DRC.

Agenda Item: Brainstorm potential motions on recommendations

Task Force members were encouraged to be thinking about potential motions they will make on recommendations. One suggestion was that the Task Force should state clearly that investing in technology and broadband access for schools is critical overall and will be important no matter which assessment is recommended.

Agenda Item: Next Steps

The Task Force reviewed the schedule for upcoming meetings, including **November 4**, when there will be a final vote on recommendations, and **December 10**, when the Task Force will approve the final report.

Agenda Item: Meeting Adjourns

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.