

Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Minutes
February 10, 2015

Attending: Kim Hermsen, Dan Ryan, Julie Delaney, Luvern Gubbels, Tom Chapman, Dave Tilly, Isbelia Arzola, Merrilee Sump, Lee Morrison, Jay Pennington, Brad Niebling, Mary Delagardelle, Nicole Proesch

- 1) Status of Iowa Curriculum Alignment Tool (Brad Niebling)
 - a. Iowa Curriculum Alignment Toolkit.
 - b. By code all schools have to have Iowa Core alignment by this year.
 - c. ICAT-is optional, but what is expected is that they are reflective and best practice is to use data for decision-making.
 - d. They are working on making decisions for the future about possible changes/adjustments as by the ICAT was created to get schools to the 2014-15 school year. They are in conversation with various groups.
 - e. The Department has not given guidance on priority standards. AEA's have built up some of their training. By code, however, all schools need to utilize and assess all standards.
 - f. Dan suggested they consider various visual ways to display the Iowa Core on ICAT and be able to tailor and manipulative.
 - g. ICAT was created in older software-what will it look like in the future?

- 2) Title II/Part A (Dave Tilly & Isbelia Arzola)
 - a. Dan explained there have been inconsistencies in consultations and confusion with differences in funding by local sites. There is still confusion on this issue.
 - b. There was a conference call with Dave, Isbelia, Mary, Dan, and Kim to brainstorm ideas to improve communication between the Department, LEAs, and nonpublic.
 - c. State-wide Meeting: Bring public, nonpublic, state and out-of-state experts together for a meeting. What if the Department asked all publics that have a nonpublic within their boundaries to convene together to discuss?
 - d. Isbelia has a list of public administrators that are the Title II coordinators.
 - e. Title II gets lost with turnover in administrators in both public and nonpublic.
 - f. Consider adding other title programs as part of in-service? May not be enough time.
 - g. Can the formula be re-explained at the meeting?
 - h. Meeting will be March 31. Dan Ryan will be our contact person. Possibly a webinar in advance in first week of March. They will list in School Leader U[date. Likely at 10:00-3:00 meeting in Des Moines.

- 3) Condition of Education Report (Jay Pennington)
 - a. Jay did a demonstration of data available on Department website
 - b. Nonpublics will be added to the website---no timeline yet.
 - c. For nonpublics the data that they will have would be proficiency rates: our school, AEA, state. Our enrollment, sub groups—over 10 students.
 - d. We asked about projected enrollment—we don't think they could do.
 - e. The ACR—under proficiency link—Scattergram on website.
 - f. They are improving search function---they are working on by districts/geographical regions.
 - g. Proficiencies on Condition of the State by code they have to report biennium.
 - h. Website is proficiencies by year calculated by AYP.
 - i. Ultimately the ACR will have 9 indicators—phase I has just 2 indicators.

- 4) Early Childhood Certification (Mary Delagardelle)
 - a. Mary shared a draft that they have been working with DHS on and it eventually would be on both Department and DHS website.
 - b. Exemptions: DHS is default agency for exemptions for programs running on behalf of school board. (There is a communication process now with the two agencies.)
 - c. Once Department brief survey is completed, they will share w/ DHS (survey is available on Department website).
 - d. Unregulated Programs:
 - i. Currently 3 year old PK without IEP's is an unregulated gap—the Department will check with DHS on licensing of these programs.
 - ii. If 3 year old PK programs don't take students with IEPs don't have to be licensed by the Department.
 - iii. If 3 year old PK programs accept students with IEP's (ie: speech), then they have to be under Department oversight (the evidence-documentation from a verification visit). You would only be visited by Department if you actually have students with IEP's.
 - iv. We could have 3 year old PK programs (not being licensed by either the Department or DHS) and we could turn away students with IEPs.
 - v. DHS doesn't license PK??? (Mary will double-check)
 - vi. Superintendent perspective is that by default—if you want to be ready and able to take kids with IEP's (speech is common) then you have to be Department licensed which means cost/effort QPPS/certified teacher.
 - vii. Transitional Jr. Kindergarten Programs--individual sites should contact the Department (if IEP's—then it's Department).

- 5) State Visit Update-Differentiated Accountability (Dave Tilly and Brad Niebling)
 - a. 281.12 rules were last reviewed 15 years ago.
 - b. The Department has entered into a period of review with a significantly revised plan.
 - c. Priority is to re-conceptualize process well, but not necessarily fast.
 - d. Two attorneys dug through all state/federal mandate minimums as part of code that can't be changed. If something is in "rule" there is a bit more flexibility.
 - e. Next year—a learning year (not necessarily a pilot year).
 - i. No longer once every 5-year visits.
 - ii. Focus will be on data reporting and use desk audit results.
 - iii. They are creating the list of items for the desk audit and they understand that some things don't apply to nonpublic. They have an internal committee working right now.
 - iv. There could be follow-up visits based on desk audits.

- 6) Start Date Waiver Update
 - a. Innovative Calendars/Start Date code intersects for year round school. There is a work around for these schools.

- 7) February School Leader Update - Anti-bullying Bill Update (Nicole Proesch)
 - a. There was an issue with the software—it became unusable so we should keep the same information but record it in a different way at the end of the year. They have staffing/funding for bullying. The code says we have to report but there is flexibility with the system to report it.

- 8) Legislative Update
 - a. Reminders have been given to legislators on the inter-related issues between public and nonpublic for transportation with Start Date Waivers.
 - b. Proposed resolution for State Board to write a letter of support for the Assessment Committee recommendation.
 - c. There is no current legislation on assessment---primary issue is cost.

- 9) Next Meeting is May 12th at 1:00.

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