

Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Minutes

May 12, 2015

Attending: Kim Hermsen, Jerry Deegan, Wayne Dykstra, Beth Happe, Joan Thompson, Dave Tilly, Amy Williamson, Nicole Proesch, Mary Delagardelle, Julie Delaney, Brad Niebling, Kimberly Villotti, Jobi Lawrence, Luvern Gubbels, and Lee Morrison

Differentiated Accountability

- Five accredited nonpublic schools have volunteered for pilot for 2015-16
 - Holy Family Catholic Schools-Archdiocese of Dubuque
 - Cascade Aquin-Archdiocese of Dubuque
 - St. Joe's Marion-Archdiocese of Dubuque
 - St. Mary's-Diocese of Sioux City
 - St. Mary's Remsen-Diocese of Des Moines

Bullying & Harassment (Amy Williamson)

- Amy will get a password to the four Diocesan Superintendents so they can view their data after individual schools submit their data.

Lau Plan (Jobi Lawrence)

- No changes in the rules but updating guidance documents and templates.
- They are combining the two templates and we should offer feedback.
- New webinar that has been produced of technical assistance. (Under ELL on Website)
- University of Iowa has federal funding for an online program.
- Morningside also has had grants but may not have cohort spots available.

Childcare

The governor has signed the new legislation and all childcare programs need to move from the Iowa Department of Education to DHS licensure by January 1, 2016

Preschool (Kimberly Villotti)

Kimberly shared a Venn diagram comparing DHS and Department programs.

Overlaps:

- Independent childcare that has a PK element—licensed by default
- Childcare on school property & the direction of a school board---Exemption B: These programs will now move to DHS for childcare

Gaps:

- 3 year-old PK (not necessarily students w/ IEP's)---it hasn't fallen under the Department or DHS and many times it was on school property.
- Department Exemption was one of 13 exemptions (ie: Parks & Recreation Department is an exemption). The other 12 exemptions are offered exemptions by DHS code language. These other programs are allowable by code. They are practicing with an exemption as allowed by code.

Legislators:

- Have suggested that next year there be some code language for the 3 year-old gap or other exemptions.
- Ongoing Department and DHS meetings. They are going to be discussing 3 year-old PK and other exemptions.
- All exemptions fall under the DHS. (Lego League, Art Club, etc.)

Current Status:

- **“Independent 3 and 4 year old programs” that aren't part of SWVVP and don't have IEP will continue to be in the gap that is going to be addressed in the next year.** Some may be DHS certified. We will stay tuned for more information next year.
- Emphasis to get all “childcare” switched to DHS by January 1, 2016.
- If we have any questions about our schools we should contact Kate Small.
- If schools have questions about background checks you can contact DHS:
 - Marsha McBee mmcbee@dhs.state.ia.us 515.281.6832
 - Todd Savage todd.savage@dhs.state.ia.us 515.281.6745

New Generation Science Standards (Brad Niebling)

- The state committee is recommending these standards be approved.
 - 2 Caveats:
 - Performance expectations be what is adopted (but not foundation boxes which are more specific)
 - Recommending that 6-8th grade standards be separated out by grade level and not in grade bands as published. (K-5 is already separated by grades and 9-12 is already separated.)
- Four different disciplines: These standards will need to have a more integrated approach of Engineering, Physical, Life, and Earth & Space.
- The review team is still working on the report and it will not be submitted for approval until likely June or August.

Assessment (Dave Tilly)

- Assessment task force worked for 15 months and sent recommendation to legislature with additional meetings, feedback, etc.
- No bill or amendments yet this session. The Department is not anticipating it will be addressed this session.
- There were very vigorous discussions with the legislature by various parties.
- If the State Board adopts the Science standards, then a group will need to look at a Science Assessment
- Code language requires a new assessment for the 16-17 school year. All schools would be required to move to spring testing.
- The Department has been looking at bandwidth and technology requirements as all assessments are moving to an electronic platform.
- The Department did a review of buildings in Iowa and found that 99% of buildings self report on BEDS they would have the minimum bandwidth needed.
- Dave Tilly will send us a copy of that brief report.
- There is no clear next step. It will be interesting to watch ESEA reauthorization to see if they movement back to states with a growth model.

Nonpublic Student Achievement Information on Website (Jay Pennington)

- Our accredited non-public data will likely be posted over the summer.
- The EdInsight Portal does have some non-public information. (secure site-not open to the public)
- The State data on EdInsight for 14-15 that information is in flux (some large district's data Des Moines, Waterloo, not included—preliminary results)
- The State data from 14-15 won't be finalized until August. More and more schools don't test until spring.

Title II (Dave Tilly)

- The webinars will be posted today on the state website.
- Information to public schools—there will be something in next School Leader Update.
- Dan Ryan suggested they do another reminder next November for the following school year. Dave Tilly plans to have a communication go out early Fall to get out ahead of the consultation process.
- March 15th each year seems like a reasonable deadline.

Legislative Update (Shan Seivert & Phil Wise)

- There is no movement on public school year funding. There is conversation of a 1.25% increase and a one time \$55 million. (This would equal 2.26% increase.)
- Proposed At-Risk bill-change in language, no appropriations
- Childcare Oversight-**Passed** and Department no longer oversees childcare in school buildings. This takes affect January 1, 2016.
- Iowa Principal Leadership Institute-failed, was designed to create a pool of leaders for high need schools.
- Anti-bullying-has recently been tacked on another bill, unsure if it will pass.
- Broadband Expansion-A priority of the governor.
- Iowa Reading Corp -**Passed**: AmeriCorp assisting with literacy strategies
- Epi-Pens: **Passed**-allows a doctor to prescribe an epi-pen to a particular school instead of a student.
- School Start Date: **Passed** no earlier than Aug. 23rd and no early start waivers.
- Governor Proposed and all agree
 - \$650,000 for non-publics—same as in past for textbook and transportation

Universal Preschool

Luvern asked about how language can be changed with Universal Preschool language for things that can be included such as snacks. It was suggested that our schools may want to seek a legal opinion about allowable expenses. Another example is you can purchase playground equipment but you can't purchase the required materials for under the equipment. There are some different interpretations between districts on how funds can be used. Schools should have conversations with finance departments with the partner district.

Nonpublic Current Representation

- Science Committee: Lisa Krapfl (Archdiocese of Dubuque)
- Assessment: Angela Olson (Archdiocese of Dubuque)
- SIS Committee: Dan Ryan (Diocese of Sioux City)
- Board of Educational Examiners: Anticipate a representative from Diocese of Sioux City
- Special Education Committee- Representative from Diocese of Des Moines
- Director's Superintendent Advisory-Nonpublic Schools don't currently have representation on this group. This could be a request of the new director.

Current Nonpublic Roster Approved by Governor:

- Julie Delaney (2nd or 3rd year)
- Jerry Deegan (5 or 6 years)
- Wayne Dykstra (3rd year)
- Kim Hermsen (1st year)
- Merrilee Stump (2 years?)
- Iowa Code 256.15 states 5 members appointed by the governor
- Term is 4 years and you can be reappointed
- Members should receive monthly State Board agendas

Next Meeting:

2015-16 Dates: Oct. 6, Dec. 8, Feb 9, and May 10

The next meeting will be on October 6th at 1:00. Agenda Items should include the Title II/Part A Consultation process. Next year Social Studies standards will be reviewed and feedback may be needed.