

ACESD Full Council Meeting Minutes

Hybrid meeting

Virtual Portion on Zoom Video Conferencing Platform

In-person Portion at Vocational Rehab in West Columbia

March 22, 2024

Members Present:

Greta Bailey, Susan Beck, Kelly Birmingham, Valarie Bishop, Anna Bleasdale, Jennifer Buster, Amanda Campbell, Valoree Duquette, Tiffany Eron, Jeni Garner, Heather Googe, Troy Hall, Susan Howard, Allison Huffstutler, Kerri Kannengieser, Susan Luberoff, Angie Lucas, Padgett Mozingo, Yasmin O'Keefe, Kimberly Perry, Shannon Polchow, Anne Radue, Tyler Rex, Nina Spinelli, Liz Smithson, Mary Stevenson, Meghan Trowbridge, Monica Tudder, Margie Williamson

Guests/SCDE Staff Present:

Carolyn Bostick, Julianna Boydstun (Interpreter), Jenny Dillon, Sherri Evans, Cheryl Fitts, Sara Garrett, Melissa Griffin, Kena Hall (for Cathy Kovacs), Kathleen Heiss, Peter Keup, Lisa McCliment, Ruth Norris (Interpreter), Emma Pederson, Ellie Stouffer, Mary Etta Taylor, Philip Young

Welcome, call to order by Shannon Polchow, Chair 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Minutes were sent out ahead of the meeting. Susan Beck made a motion to approve minutes. Heather Googe seconded. Approved.

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment for March's meeting.

Council Business/Elections: Chair and Vice-chair

- Shannon Polchow opened up elections for chair and vice-chair of the Advisory Council. Shannon asked for any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. Megan Trowbridge moved to close the nominations. Amanda Campbell seconded the motion.
- Shannon opened up the voting period, which would close at the conclusion of lunch. There were two candidates for chair: Susan Beck and Angie Lucas. There was one candidate for vice-chair: Allison Huffstutler. Shannon distributed both a paper ballot and

electronic ballot. Conducting the election in this fashion allowed the council to ensure that quorum was established.

Sub-Committee Meetings:

Committees met via hybrid breakout rooms.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Preschool: The committee received an update on the policy statement on inclusion and will be looking at the impact on kindergarten. The committee will make suspension a priority topic for next term. Finally, the committee met with the Professional Development Committee to discuss least restrictive environment (LRE).

Professional Development: The committee continues to explore advisory councils for schools. They will be drafting letters to distribute to the school districts. They also met with the Preschool Committee to discuss least restrictive environment (LRE).

Transition and Self Advocacy: The committee continued to work on their transition toolkit for parents. They created a working definition of “transition” for the one-page handout and selected a list of key SPED acronyms and their definitions that parents would encounter in a transition meeting.

Safe Schools/Social Emotional Learning: Megan Trowbridge gave a report on the P4 Project to the committee. She is currently providing trainings with the project. Sara Garrett is currently working on a report about seclusion and restraint. The committee also provided a legislative update.

OSSES Updates:

- Kathleen Heiss (SCDE) and Philip Young (PCG) presented EdPlan SC to the Advisory Council.
 - The system will replace Enrich and is funded by OSSES.
 - The implementation is moving in stages. Data migration will occur between December 23 and May 24.
 - They are training approximately 374 power users between February 20 and March 26 who will in turn train district users.
 - The system will launch in July 2024.
 - There will be additional training and virtual office hours between March and October.
 - The system will have translation features with Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, and Vietnamese.
 - There is a family / caregiver portal where districts can seek consent and deliver documents for remote signatures.
 - There will be training videos and guides for parents provided to the districts.
 - During the data transfer, only pdfs will transfer into EdPlan SC.
- Lisa McCliment and Jenny Dillon provided an SSIP update via video presentation ahead of the meeting, and shared highlights from the presentation.
 - The state has seen an increase in literacy performances.
 - Third graders in the five pilot schools increased their ELA performance from 10.61% of meeting standards or higher in 2021 to 15.29% in 2022.

- The new ELA standards are rolling out in Fall 2024.
- S.418 will require teacher candidates to take the Praxis in reading assessment and will do away with the three-cueing system.
- Carolyn Bostick asked for the Advisory Council's assistance with Indicator 8—Parent Survey.
 - She has opened a survey for stakeholder feedback and needs the council's response by April 5.
 - OSES is searching for ways to increase the response rate on the Parent Survey because Question #1 is used on the SSIP.
 - They have decreased the number of questions from 25 questions to 6, they have created a QR code that links to the survey, they have sent out post cards, and have used a sampling census previously.

Council Business / Announcements:

- Susan Beck was elected chair. Allison Huffstutler was elected vice-chair.
- With no one interested in becoming secretary, the Executive Committee selected Shannon Polchow to become the incoming secretary.
- Shannon Polchow thanked the council for another great term.

Motion to adjourn:

Kerri Kannengieser moved to adjourn. Susan Beck seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next Advisory Council meeting: Friday, August 30, 2024