



School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) Meeting Summary September 17, 2019

SCAAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Bradley, Scott Bruins, Aaron Collins, Teresa Nicholas, William Owens

SCAAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracey Cusick, Casey Gesenhues, Justin Mitchell, Jennifer Putnam, Shad Sletto, Stephen Trimble

The September 17, 2019 School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Scott Bruins. Members and guests were welcomed. A quorum of members was present. The resignation of member Valerie O’Rear was noted.

The minutes from the July 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. William Owens made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Aaron Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: School and District Report Card Regulation (703 KAR 5:140)

Presenters: Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner, Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability, and Dede Conner, Director, Division of School Data Services, Office of Education Technology, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Reminder that regulations are updated on a regular cycle as part of statutory requirements. Many of the definitions included in the regulation were reviewed for a common understanding. Members were reminded that the current school report card shows the current principal and school board members; reporting is included in the prior year report card and reflects the principal and school board members from that year. Aaron Collins mentioned that on page 4, line 1, visitors must sign in at a school as required by law, and maybe this should not be included in this regulation. Kelly Bradley recommended that the term “guardian” be included with the term “parent.” Kelly also asked if the professional qualifications of the teachers were noted in the regulation.

Section 5 has new language. A Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) member requested that the school’s status/rating be displayed in the report card. The regulation also states that each school shall display the overall accountability classification or have a public meeting. Kelly Bradley mentioned that if a public meeting is held, there needs to be a written record. Scott Bruins indicated that the display of the school’s rating could be demoralizing.

Action Takes: Information Only

Agenda Item: Career Studies and Financial Literacy

Presenters: Pam Moore, Director, and Teresa Rogers, Program Consultant, Division of Student Transition and Career Readiness, Office of Career and Technical Education and Student Transition, KDE

Summary of Discussion: The feedback received from the first reading of the regulation was positive. Grade-band overviews were revised to increase clarity and specificity. The revisions provide a better representation of standards progression throughout the domains. It is the intent that the regulation will begin in the 2021 school year. Scott Bruins asked for clarification around financial literacy and if a FAQ would be developed to assist schools. Kelly Bradley asked how transfer students (out of state, home school, private) would be included and reported.

Action Taken: Information only.

Agenda Item: Teacher Recruitment and Retention

Presenter: Todd Davis, Director, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Discussion around the national teacher shortage, including here in Kentucky. More than 2,000 teaching positions have been posted with the Kentucky Educator Placement Service (KEPS) since April 2020. Some of the critical shortage areas are: world languages, special education, and career/technical education. College students pursuing education degrees has declined more than 13%.

Alternative Routes to Certification were shared: Exceptional Work Experience, Local District Training Programs, College Faculty, Adjunct Instructor (p-12), Veterans of the Armed Forces, University-Based Alternative Route, Institute Alternative Route, and Teach for America (TFA). A loan forgiveness scholarship program is also in development. Scott Bruins requested information around recertification. Aaron Collins appreciated the work completed by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) and requested guidance around recertification. William Owens also appreciated the efforts being made. He mentioned a concern for why teachers were leaving education – teachers should be valued in the school—teacher burnout is a real concern – working conditions, etc.

Action Taken: Information only.

Agenda Item: Program Standards Professional Learnings

Presenter: Micki Ray, Policy Advisor, Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Updated website (<https://Kystandards.org>) with wealth of information around the Kentucky Academic Standards. It was developed to be a great resource for teachers. Webcasts and workshops have been developed to provide information and professional learning to educators around standards implementation.

Action Taken: Information only.

Agenda Item: Kentucky's 5-Star Rating System, 2019 Public Reporting, Accountability Standards Setting Update

Presenters: Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner, and Jennifer Stafford, Director, Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Members were provided information around 2018-2019 public reporting, standards setting process for five-star rating and indicators, and the accountability timeline with steps toward public reporting.

Scott Bruins asked if Kentucky was going away from the ACT. Now it is only used in transition readiness, and not a part of the summative process. Kelly Bradley asked that there be some comparisons done between summative vs ACT.

Teresa Nicholas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019.