KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

SCAAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Bradley, Scott Bruins, Aaron Collins, Tracey Cusick, Casey Gesenhues, Teresa Nicholas, William Owens, Shad Sletto, David Trimble

SCAAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Putnam, Justin Mitchell, Valerie O'Rear

The November 19, 2019 School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Scott Bruins. Members and guests were welcomed. A quorum of members was present. Aaron Collins made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as emailed and presented. Tracey Cusick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Program

Presenter: Steve Kissinger, Division of Innovation, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, KDE

Summary of Discussion: The speaker was unable to attend but provided a PowerPoint for group discussion. This program was designed to give districts that had missed an excessive number of school days due to weather or other emergencies, the opportunity to conduct school through virtual or other non-traditional means on days that the district would have normally had to call school off. Kelly Bradley requested information about application acceptance and/or rejection. There was discussion about the percentage of students (7%) that did not participate in the NTI program and how were students "caught up" in the regular classroom instruction—concern that there may be issues of inequity. Aaron Collins mentioned hearing concerns about the continuation of the NTI program.

Joy Barr will forward the questions/comments to David Cook, Director, Division of Innovation, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support.

Action Taken: Information Only

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

Presenters: Jennifer Stafford, Director, Division of Assessment and Accountability Support, and Michael Hackworth, Policy Advisor, Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Jennifer Stafford and Michael Hackworth shared that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) members had completed the second read on the School and Report Card Regulation (703 KAR 5:140). There have been few edits or comments. An electronic and printed copy of the proposed amendments was shared with the SCAAC members. Reminder to the members that bold and underlined words/statements are new changes; underline only was a prior change. Michael Hackworth noted the change to the definition of "parent" which had been recommended by SCAAC members. There was discussion regarding Section 5: Communication of federal and state school accountability classifications, and how public schools were to display their federal and state accountability classification in a prominent location in the school; or the principal, with the School based decision making council, should hold an advertised public meeting to discuss the classification and plan for sustainability or improvement. Kelly Bradley recommended that additional guidance/direction be provided to those schools with a federal classification.

Action Taken: Information only

Agenda Item: Test Security Update

Presenters: John Landon, Staff Attorney, and Patsy Kenner, Testing Investigations Coordinator, Office of Legal Services, KDE

Summary of Discussion: John Landon and Patsy Kenner shared with SCAAC members that Caveon, a testing security and data forensics company, has been contracted by the department to assist with ensuring testing security and investigations of testing improprieties. Tracey Cusick asked who can submit an allegation? Patsy Kenner mentioned that anyone can – a student, parent, co-worker, self, etc. Caveon will have trained monitors visit schools and testing rooms during assessment administrations. The monitors will review and document school-level test security compliance practices and procedures. Caveon's goals are to: provide a deterrent to inappropriate assessment practices; support the validity of assessment results; provide quality assurance of the testing program; protect against test security threats; reduce unauthorized classroom activities during testing; ensure application of test administration rules; and ensure test proctors follow electronic device policies.

Action Taken: Information only

Agenda Item: Program Standards Update

Presenter: Whitney Hamilton, Literacy Educational Consultant, Division of Program Standards, Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Whitney Hamilton shared with SCAAC members the ongoing work surrounding program standards. A K-3 Intervention Survey is in development for all districts to complete.

Action Taken: Information only

Agenda Items: Standards, Assessment and Accountability Update

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

Summary of Discussion: Rhonda Sims and Jennifer Stafford updated the SCAAC members on accountability data reporting from 2018-2019. Districts and schools received: star ratings (1 to 5 stars); overall accountability scores; indicator scores and labels of very high to very low for proficiency, growth, separate academic, transition readiness and graduation; and federal classifications (schools only). After the public release of accountability data, there was a 10-day period for districts to request individual student changes.

Action Taken: Information Only

Aaron Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020.