



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)
PRINCIPALS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PrAC)
SUMMARY**

MARCH 5, 2026

ATTENDANCE: Lynn Petrey, Peggy Sinclair-Morris, Liz Kirk, Geco Ross, Sarah Williams, Amanda Fields, Jaziel Guerra, Heather Roaden, Jeremy Kidd, Jimica Howard, Ginger Estes, James Hood, Josh Henderson, Nikki Gearheart, Beth St. Bernard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Cline, Jeff Blythe, Amanda Nokes, Martina Skidmore, Hubert Schroer, Bonnie Spears, Joseph "Rocky" Wallace, Nicholas Brake

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Thomas Woods-Tucker, Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Woods-Tucker, standing in for Commissioner Fletcher, provided opening remarks expressing appreciation for the work of the Principals Advisory Council. He presented several updates, including high school transformation initiatives, Impact Kentucky survey results, application opportunities for non-voting student and teacher representatives for the Kentucky Board of Education, recognition of a National Teacher of the Year finalist, and open application window for the School Counselor Advisory Council.

Feedback:

None

Agenda Item: Roll Call of Members

Presenter: Geco Ross, PrAC Chairperson, Paducah Middle School Principal, Paducah Independent School District

Summary of Discussion:

Ross led the roll call of members. Members unmuted and verbally confirmed attendance.

Feedback:

None

Agenda Item: Approve Agenda

Presenter: Geco Ross, PrAC Chairperson, Paducah Middle School Principal, Paducah Independent School District

Summary of Discussion:

Ginger Estes made a motion to approve the agenda. James Hood made a second. PrAC members verified agreement in the chat.

Feedback:

None

Agenda Item: Approve Summary from Last Meeting

Presenter: Geco Ross, PrAC Chairperson, Paducah Middle School Principal, Paducah Independent School District

Summary of Discussion:

Sarah Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. Josh Henderson made a second. PrAC members verified agreement in the chat.

Feedback:

None

Agenda Item: Resources for Implementing the *Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS)* for Visual and Performing Arts

Presenter: Jessica Greene, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Greene presented a comprehensive overview of resources supporting the implementation of the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Visual and Performing Arts*, including digital tools, family guides, professional learning modules, and interactive classroom resources.

Resource Overview and Access: Greene explained that resources are available on the Kentucky Standards website (www.kystandards.org) including a standards newsletter, at-a-glance documents, course code standards documents, a full hyperlinked standards document and interactive classroom resources.

Digital Tools and Learning Lab: Greene highlighted the digital version of *KAS* which allows teachers to download standards in Excel format and the Kentucky Learning Hub, a self-paced professional learning platform with Canvas courses tailored for visual and performing arts.

Family Guides and Updates: Greene noted the expansion of family guides to include visual and performing arts, with grade-level expectations for all five arts disciplines and Spanish translations, as well as updates to reading and writing guides to align with the science of reading.

Interactive Classroom Resources: A new interactive resource was introduced, providing teacher notes, scripts, pedagogy and companion videos to support implementation of the responding standards, with field studies conducted in Woodford and Madison Counties demonstrating increased student engagement.

Field Study and Feedback: Greene shared outcomes from field studies, including activities and announced the upcoming launch of middle school resources for all arts disciplines.

Feedback:

None

Agenda Item: Assessment Updates

Presenter: Shara Savage, Office of Assessment and Accountability, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion

Savage provided updates on several topics.

House Bill 257: Savage reported that House Bill 257 has moved to the Senate with ongoing discussions about incorporating a local accountability component and transitioning to a growth model, and promised continued updates as the bill progresses.

Assessment Window and Preparations: Savage detailed timelines and updates for ACCESS, Alternate ACCESS, Alternative Kentucky Summative Assessment (AKSA) and Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA).

SAT Administration and Training: Savage described the partnership with College Board for SAT administration, including in-person and virtual training, office hours, and webinars that are available for Kentucky educators.

System Tools and Student Resources: Savage explained the use of the State Data Management System (SDMS) for roster verification and accommodations, the Test Day Toolkit for organizing sessions and printing test tickets and highlighted the free peer-to-peer tutoring resource Schoolhouse.world for SAT preparation.

Ongoing Support and Progress: Savage announced upcoming office hours for SAT administration and encouraged staff to reach out with questions or for additional support.

Feedback:

None

Agenda Item: Impact Kentucky Working Conditions Survey Tool

Presenter: Stacy Noah, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion

On behalf of the Principal Partnership Project (P3) team, Noah led a hands-on review and feedback session for a draft analysis tool designed to help school leaders interpret and act on Impact Kentucky survey data, with participants working individually and in breakout rooms to evaluate the tool and provide suggestions for improvement.

Feedback: Suggestions for improvement included: aligning tool categories with the online survey, adding district comparison columns, supporting longitudinal data tracking, clarifying rating scales, increasing space for notes, and piloting the tool with select schools before statewide rollout.

Agenda Item: 2026-2027 Professional Learning Planning: EdCamp & Statewide Network

Presenter: Keith Griesser, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion

Griesser solicited input from PrAC members on preferred dates for the annual EdCamp virtual conference and shared information about the Kentucky Principal Network inviting topic suggestions and presenter volunteers.

Feedback: PrAC members used the chat to provide a vote on the preferred EdCamp date. Members were split on a December and January date.

Agenda Item: PrAC Meeting Dates for 2026-2027

Presenter: Stacy Noah, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion

Noah presented proposed dates for the 2026-2027 PrAC meetings, discussed the challenges of scheduling in December, and gathering member input on optimal timing to maximize attendance and avoid conflicts. She explained that December meetings typically have low attendance and asked for feedback on whether to schedule the meeting at the start of winter break or earlier in the month.

She listed the other proposed meeting dates and invited members to flag any potential conflicts with major events or testing window.

Feedback: The majority of members preferred the first week of December.

Agenda Item: Joint Book Project

Presenter: Joseph “Rocky” Wallace, Campbellsville University, and Nicholas Brake, Western Kentucky University

Summary of Discussion

Stephanie Sullivan, Murray State University, presented on behalf of Wallace and Brake. She provided details about three collaboratively developed books (UPPI and KDE) used in principal preparation programs across Kentucky, focusing on school improvement, servant leadership, and school safety, with real-life scenarios and discussion questions for aspiring principals.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Presenter: Geco Ross, PrAC Chairperson, Paducah Middle School, Paducah Independent School District

Summary of Discussion

Liz Kirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jimica Howard made the second. Council members expressed agreement in the chat.