



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMMISSIONER'S TEACHERS ADVISORY COUNCIL(TAC)  
SUMMARY**

**MARCH 15, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Cintra, Jennifer Davis, Erica Deal, Tiffany Dunn, Sara Green, Kaysin Higgins, Amanda Klare, Amy Leasgang, Charlene Martin, Janie Modlin, Scott Osborn, Beverly Rutledge, Kim Saylor, Gregory Smith, Jennifer Stewart, Jamaal Stiles, Byron Wilson, Waide Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Angela Beavin, Misty Bivens, Allen Hensley, April Jackson, Quentin Johnson, Abigail Nash, Taylor Sullivan

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Presenter: Susan Cintra, TAC Chairperson, Madison County Schools

Summary: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Beverly Rutledge and seconded by Charlene Martin.

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Jason Glass, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education, Kentucky Department of Education

The budget items proposed in this legislative session look positive for education, said Glass, who discussed a few education-related bills including Senate Bill (SB) 1. SB 1 moves the principal selection and curriculum decisions to a district's superintendent. SB 1 also includes a committee sub that adds the critical race theory includes critical race theory conversations language from SB 138. That language sets the standards for social studies to require a public school to provide instruction consistent with designated concepts related to race, sex and religion. The bill calls on KDE to incorporate fundamental American documents and speeches into the grade-level appropriate middle and high school social studies academic standards. Another critical race theory bill that may gain traction is a House bill that could be a middle ground piece of legislation and does not include punitive measures.

United We Learn is a directive released last year, and a listening tour was conducted to pull information together from multiple perspectives. Co-creation and the desire for multiple voices and perspectives must be included. A second major component is around innovation and assessment and accountability. The third element is the notion that the experiences the students need to have must include deeper learning around creativity, complex problem solving, and deep reasoning. These are some of the skills that should connect with career opportunities and other life-enriching experiences. This vision sets our course around the state.

Glass expressed appreciation to the teachers for their efforts.

Feedback:

Regarding SB138 and Social Studies Standards that were recently passed, “Would the standards need to be updated to include the information within the bill, if passed?”

Yes, the standards would need to be revised, said Glass.

Sara Green expressed her thanks to Glass for his leadership.

Agenda Item: Assessment and Accountability Update

Presenter: Shara Savage, Program Consultant II, Office of Assessment and Accountability

Summary of Discussion:

Savage presented a testing progress update including upcoming testing windows explained for ACT, alternate assessment and the Kentucky Summative Assessment. She also provided information about progress on English Language Proficiency. Postsecondary Readiness used to be named Transition Readiness and descriptions about demonstration of readiness were provided. An overall accountability weights chart was shared with designations and color-coded ratings were denoted. Accountability indicators for 2022-2023 (and beyond) were described with specifics on the slides, including the 5 by 5 color-coded tables for status and change. Assessment and accountability resource links are included on the slide deck.

Feedback:

Questions about growth, status and change were asked, as well as a question about the extended windows. Status and change could describe growth. The question about the extended windows was not answered, but it was suggested to reach out to the [dacinfo@education.ky.gov](mailto:dacinfo@education.ky.gov).

Agenda Item: Growing and Energizing the Teaching Profession

Presenter: Jennifer Emberton, Ed.D., Allen County Schools, Veda Stewart, Ed.D., Director and Erin Ashcraft, Assistant Director, Division of Educator Recruitment and Development, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion:

GoTeach KY and the ambassador program was mentioned by Stewart. Emberton, who is a previous ambassador, shared her thoughts about the “Happiness Approach.” Emberton described the Hedonic treadmill that many teachers may experience feeling they are on as they strive for happiness in many different circumstances. She described several activities that people can do to focus on progress with intentionality in order to boost happiness. Emberton demonstrated how toothpaste cannot be efficiently put back into the tube once it has been expressed. She connected this demonstration to her presentation on pillars of happiness. When there is pressure applied to us as humans, we find out what is inside and what has shaped us. The question was posed, “What’s shaped you?” As an educator, how might you create a happiness action plan? Emberton shared her action plan to boost her happiness levels. Several teacher participants shared through chat their personal thoughts about what makes happiness for each of them, as well as unmuting and speaking.

Feedback:

Members expressed their gratitude for the information shared.

#### Agenda Item: Legislative Updates

Presenter: Brian Perry, Director of Government Relations, Office of the Commissioner

#### Summary of Discussion:

More than 1,100 bills have been filed and April 14 of 2022 should be the final date. The remaining priorities are the budget and tax reform, first. The budget was unveiled as House Bill (HB) 1. Perry reported that an acceptable budget for education is expected. Many house bills of interest were presented on slides and explained by Perry. A few bills that were recently filed regarding teacher recruitment will be bills to watch in the upcoming session in January. Following the House bills of interest, Perry described several Senate bills that are moving forward. These bills are listed within the slide deck.

#### Feedback:

Question about the school choice and vouchers was asked. Perry did not know when the voucher bill (from last session) would be heard. The question was centered around whether this new bill expanded the number of counties from last session. An answer could not be provided at this time. Perry provided contact information if further questions needed to be addressed.

#### Agenda Item: Impact Kentucky Survey: Teacher Perspective

Presenter: Veda Stewart Ed.D., and Erin Ashcraft, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

#### Summary of Discussion:

Stewart shared information about the Impact Kentucky 2022 survey and the respondents. She introduced Ashcraft who shared additional information about the survey. This is a biannual survey previously known as the TELL survey, which was produced by a different vendor. Currently, Panorama Education is the vendor and creator of the Impact Kentucky survey. There are two rounds of data (one from before the pandemic and the current data). The nine constructs were displayed on a slide and Ashcraft explained that some were nationally normed, and others were not. Information about how to find the reports was shown and explained. Account registration was also explained, as well as the additional functionality if an account is utilized as opposed to the public site. The resource hub includes several professional learning resources for navigation and making sense of the data as well as resources for reflection and action planning.

#### Feedback:

A question was posed about the survey questions pertaining to coaching and if it is referencing instructional coaches or principals. Ashcraft replied that each context makes sense of the data in their own way. Each school community may want to enter calibrating conversations regarding the language within the questions. An additional question was posed as a suggestion for cooperatives to use the data to plan for professional development. One teacher responded that the questionnaire was easy to use. A question was asked about resource tools and Ashcraft responded about the resource hub.

#### Agenda Item: Adjournment

Presenter: Susan Cintra, TAC Chairperson, Madison County Schools

Summary of Discussion: Motion for adjournment was made by Sara Green and seconded by Tiffany Dunn.

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