



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC)
SUMMARY
JUNE 6, 2024**

Members Present: Byron Wilson, Chad Davidson, Jamaal Stiles, Kennita Ballard, Susan Cintra, Jane Modlin, Melanie Callahan, Carla Lawson, Jennifer Stewart, Kevin Dailey, Amy Leasgang

Members Absent: Carla Criswell, Jen Davis, Misty Bivens, April Jackson, Gregory Smith, Erica Deal, Amanda Klare, Rosa Cubero-Hurley, Donnie Wilkerson, Charlene Martin, Mandy Perez

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Emily Satterly, Principal Partnership Project (P3), Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Satterly thanked the members for attending the meeting and introduced the TAC chairperson, Jamaal Stiles.

Agenda Item: Approve Summary from Last Meeting

Presenter: Jamaal Stiles, Teacher Advisory Council (TAC) Chairperson, Washington County Schools

Summary of Discussion: Susan Cintra made a motion to approve the summary minutes from the March 2024 meeting. Chad Davidson made a second. Members used the chat to approve.

Agenda Item: Guidance Implications with using Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a Learning Partner

Presenter: Marty Park, Office of Education Technology, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Marty Park, chief digital officer in the KDE Office of Education Technology, spoke to the members about using smart technologies and how to implement these resources within their classrooms.

He said AI is a vast field encompassing various technologies that allow computers to mimic human intelligence. Generative AI (GenAI) tools have the potential to be potent tools for education, but it is essential to be aware of their limitations.

“AI will not replace great teachers, but I do believe that the great teachers who learn to integrate AI may replace teachers who are not willing to,” explained Park.

Park encourages educators to engage in and empower safe, secure and responsible use of AI to improve their schools' efficiency and the learning space for teachers and students. He said AI can potentially enhance the learning experience and transform the way educators teach.

However, with this new and innovative technology comes a set of responsibilities and principles to ensure its proper and ethical implementation, Park said.

“The key thing here is for us to ensure that we stay in the loop with the work and being safe, secure and responsible with the implementations,” he added.

Kentucky is the fifth state to release an [Artificial Intelligence Guidance Brief](#). This is a living document that Park said the Office of Education Technology will continue to update as they learn more about this emerging technology. Inside the guidance brief, there are numerous sections that he encourages educators to use as a resource, such as the purpose, definition of AI and incorporating principles.

“Being safe, secure and responsible should be top of the mind when using AI to ensure the information and data you are sharing is appropriate for public access,” said Park. “Even though AI can make the process of creating something quick and easy, it is important to not let the program operate autonomously.”

Feedback: Kevin Dailey, the 2024 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, spoke about the need for a better understanding of how educators can use AI effectively within their lessons and accelerate their teaching.

“I think our teachers are told about these products and these available resources, but they’re not taught how to use them effectively and in ways to use them to where they can increase academic performance,” said Dailey.

Kennita Ballard, an educator from Jefferson County, said AI can be used as a strong tool for education if it is combined properly in collaboration with teacher's clarity when it comes to rubrics and proficiency skills.

“When we are working and collaborating with our students, we need to have clear expectations and our expectations are inclusive of those 21st-century skills such as AI, because it is a product of the 21st century. But we need to understand it cannot duplicate the human element,” said Ballard. “It cannot duplicate that human element – our citizenship, our empathy and the compassion that we want our students to be able to engage with.”

Agenda Item: Read to Succeed Updates

Presenter: Christie Biggerstaff, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Biggerstaff provided updates about various literacy initiatives that have been implemented since the Read to Succeed Act passed in 2022. One of the newest initiatives is school-level coaches. Biggerstaff shared that 24 State Literacy Specialists will be working in schools with the greatest need to partner with teachers to enhance literacy instruction. The coaches will work four days a week alongside classroom teachers. Biggerstaff also encouraged TAC members to apply or share with others the Cohort 3 Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Professional Learning opportunity. Currently, over 4,000 administrators and teachers are part of the LETRS cohort and participants have responded positively about the experience. Registration for Cohort 3 closes in August.

She also spoke to the members about the 2024 Kentucky Reads to Succeed Summer Conference, which will be held June 20 at the Central Bank Center in Lexington. The conference registration is now closed, but they are currently accepting people to be placed on a waitlist. It is free to Kentucky K-12 public educators and will offer focused learning paths to meet the needs of teachers and administrators.

Biggerstaff asked the TAC members for feedback regarding the various literacy initiatives.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: United We Learn Council Updates

Presenter: Susan Strange and Karen Dodd, Office of the Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Strange began by sharing actions that were taken during the April Convening of the United We Learn Council. During the April session, the following actions were taken: council charter approved, Jim Flynn elected as council vice chair, roadmap reviewed, design principles reviewed, and work groups formed. Strange highlighted the group's Journey to the Moon graphic which showcased the steps planned to reach the goal of an Approved Reimagined Accountability System for the state of Kentucky by Summer 2026. She reviewed the progression of work that spans from summer 2024 to fall 2025 to "reach the moon" and explained the design principles connected to each level of the project.

The TAC members were invited to ask questions and provide feedback.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Science: Teacher Workshop Opportunity: Supporting Student Sensemaking with Equitable Discourse

Presenter: Erica Baker and Amanda Prewitt, Science Consultants, Office of Teaching and Learning

Summary of Discussion: Erica Baker opened the presentation by encouraging the TAC members to think about additional resources or supports that might be used to support educators in implementing the *KAS for Science*. She highlighted two new modules that have been recently released. The modules are entitled Supporting Students' Sense Making in Equitable Discourse and Increasing Student Engagement Using a Driving Question Board. The modules focus on highly effective and commonly used instructional strategies that are found in high quality instructional resources and provide a curriculum based professional learning experience that is symmetrical to the student experience and utilizes an open educational resource. Baker and Amanda Prewitt highlighted specific attributes of the two modules with the group.

An upcoming science professional virtual workshop opportunity was shared with the group. TAC members were encouraged to share with science teachers and promote the learning opportunity. TAC members were also asked to provide feedback regarding additional resources or supports that might need to be developed to further support teachers.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: Legislative Updates

Presenter: Jamaal Stiles, TAC Chairperson, Washington County Schools

Summary of Discussion: Stiles noted that a few specific questions regarding bills that were passed were asked by the TAC members. A resource to support deeper understanding of those specific bills was shared with the group. Also, Stiles noted that a presentation regarding legislative updates was planned for the June 13 Principal Advisory Council meeting and that recording would be shared with the TAC members if they were interested in learning more.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: Kentucky Educational Television (KET) All Star Class of 2024

Presenter: Melanie Callahan, KET All Star, Laurel County Schools

Summary of Discussion: Callahan is one of 21 educators selected as a Class of 2024, KET All Star. As a KET All Star she will participate in specialized training, lead unique learning opportunities as an ambassador for KET, serve as a focused thought-leader for upcoming KET content creation, and leverage her individual passions to create positive impacts in education in Kentucky. A stipend of \$500 is also provided. She encouraged TAC members to explore the KET resources, specifically the professional learning opportunities that KET provides.

Feedback: None.

Agenda Item: TAC Application Feedback

Presenter: Emily Satterly, Principal Partnership Project (P3), Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: TAC members were given the link to review the draft TAC application form. Satterly and Stiles encouraged the TAC members to review the application and share any suggestions. The TAC application will be distributed widely in the next few weeks.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: TAC Chair Selection Process

Presenter: Emily Satterly, Principal Partnership Project (P3), Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Satterly reminded the TAC members that the process utilized to select a chairperson is determined by the group. She shared some examples of different ways the council could select a chairperson. Stiles shared the basic responsibilities of serving as chair and encouraged the TAC members to consider serving.

No one volunteered to serve during the meeting, so Stiles instructed members to think about it and reach out by email if interested in serving. He noted the new chairperson would need to be in place by the September meeting.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Presenter: Jamaal Stiles, TAC Chairperson, Washington County Schools

Summary of Discussion: Byron Wilson made the motion to adjourn. Carla Lawson seconds the motion.