



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Kentucky United We Learn Council

Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee (AISC)

Jan. 8, 2024

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Kathy Stovall, Chair

Summary of Discussion: Stovall called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. ET. She welcomed members and guests and reviewed the meeting norms. She expressed her appreciation for everyone who could attend for however long they were able.

Agenda Item: Systems Overview

Presenter: Jennifer Stafford, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)

Summary of Discussion: Stafford provided a brief overview of the activities that took place within the Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee during the first year. She reviewed the agenda of the meeting and encouraged everyone to participate. Stafford also described a System of Systems with a “menu of options” component and provided examples. She introduced the Jamboard to participants as a way to engage during the meeting.

Agenda Item: Current Postsecondary Readiness Indicator Overview

Presenter: Shara Savage and Holly Tracy, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Savage and Tracy provided a detailed explanation of the Postsecondary Readiness Indicator in the current school accountability system. They explained the variety of options students can use to demonstrate Academic Readiness and Career Readiness. Members provided questions via the Jamboard.

Agenda Item: Leading with Learning

Presenter: Sarah Snipes, Kentucky Department of Education; Karen Perry, University of Kentucky

Summary of Discussion: Perry provided the revised definition of Vibrant Learning Experiences (VLE) adopted by the Kentucky United We Learn’s VLE Standing Committee. Snipes provided concrete examples of VLE by sharing an elementary Project Based Learning, a high school

Defense of Learning, and a middle school book study Socratic Seminar. Snipes and Perry provided types of performance assessments, resources and videos for the participants.

Feedback: Members expressed interest in incorporating VLEs in the accountability system. Feedback included keeping students with low literacy at the center of a future system.

Agenda Item: Deeper Learning Indicator

Presenter: Susan Lyons, Lyons Assessment Consulting; Suzanne Farmer, Co-Chair

Summary of Discussion: Lyons and Farmer facilitated a brainstorming session on a new accountability indicator. They spurred idea generation on possible menu options that would indicate deeper, more vibrant learning. Farmer encouraged everyone to share ideas.

After the brainstorm session, participants reflected on the ideas in small groups.

Feedback: Participants offered suggestions focused on student experiences and learning outcomes. They considered the goal of the indicator and the different types of evidence to be collected as well as support for teachers, students and school leaders.

Agenda Item: Next Steps

Presenter: Kathy Stovall, Chair; Jennifer Stafford, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Stovall shared that AISC leads will present at the January meetings of the VLE Standing Committee and the Bold New Future Standing Committee. Stafford invited all participants to the next AISC meeting on Feb. 5 from 5-6 p.m. ET.

SUMMARY:

The Kentucky United We Learn Council's Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee (AISC) met virtually on Monday, Jan. 8. Members heard details of the current Postsecondary Readiness Indicator. They learned about vibrant learning experiences and considered concrete examples students are experiencing. Participants generated ideas on possible menu options that would indicate deeper, more vibrant learning. The next AISC meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5.