



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Kentucky United We Learn Council

**Building a Bold New Future (BNF) with Communities Standing
Committee**

JAN. 11, 2024

Purpose: To build the state P-20 policy framework that is responsive and inclusive to the needs of students, educators, families and communities that support a bold, new future for education in Kentucky.

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Bentley White, Committee Chair

Summary of Discussion:

White welcomed members and took roll.

Agenda Item: Kentucky United We Learn Council Accelerating Innovation Committee's Role and Current Progress

Presenter: Susan Lyons, Lyons Assessment

Summary of Discussion:

Lyons welcomed members and framed the conversation around the need to study assessment and accountability structures in the context of what is happening right now in the Local Laboratories of Learning (L3s) and beyond. She shared the 12 design principles for what committee members want to see. The BNF committee then discussed a number of considerations, including the role of the system in creating guardrails for equity, what prototypes could look like, and possible ways to collect evidence of vibrant learning experiences.

Feedback:

The group then undertook a generative brainstorm around what ideas people might want to add. BNF members talked about the importance of looking at how state recommendations might connect with district plans, how we might survey districts or other groups to get their perspectives and what they expect and policy barriers, among other topics.

Agenda Item: Policy Implications and Considerations from Other States

Presenter: Lillian Pace and Jon Alfuth, KnowledgeWorks

Summary of Discussion:

Pace and Alfuth presented some examples of “menu of options” approaches from other states that could potentially help inform what Kentucky might consider. BNF members reflected on the examples and discussed what potential inputs and outputs could look like.

Agenda Item: Workgroup Updates

Presenter: Jon Alfuth, KnowledgeWorks, and Tammy Schiff, GrayMatters LLC

Summary of Discussion:

Schiff provided an update around the creation of a community engagement workgroup soon. BNF members generally responded that they liked the idea. Alfuth provided an update that the policy working group would be on hold for the time being until more work takes place around the system of systems for assessment and accountability.

Agenda Item: Election of Vice Chair

Presenter: Meredith Brewer, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Brewer shared that the committee lacked a voting quorum. The election of a vice chair was postponed until the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Identification of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Presenter: Bentley White, BNF Chair

Summary of Discussion:

White shared that information would be sent out about the next meeting date soon. The group adjourned.

SUMMARY:

The BNF Committee received information about the Accelerating Innovation’s draft design principles helping to inform the development of a new accountability system. An update on the committee’s policy workgroup and potential community engagement workgroup was also provided. Due to lack of a quorum, the election of a vice chair was postponed. The committee will meet again in early February.