



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Kentucky United We Learn Council
Vibrant Learning Experiences (VLE) Committee

MEETING DATE

Aug. 21, 2023

Agenda Item: Welcome and Connection

Presenter: Justin Dunning, VLE Chair

Summary of Discussion:

Dunning took attendance and started the meeting with a connection activity: What is the best back to school moment of the week?

Feedback:

Perry: "My daughter, a senior at STEAM Academy, has an internship she is excited to start."

Wilkerson: "My daughter, who is a freshman at my school, is thriving!"

Snipes: "My new kindergartener is thriving and it's such a joy to see him wake up excited to jump on the bus and learn!"

Agenda Item: Approve Minutes from Last Meeting and Roll Call of Members

Presenter: Justin Dunning, VLE Chair; Rhea Isenberg, Notetaker

Summary of Discussion:

Dunning took the roll, then Isenberg shared the notes from the previous meeting on July 31st.

Feedback:

Isenberg will continue to take and share notes as a volunteer.

Follow-up Required:

Notes will be taken and shared at each meeting.

Agenda Item: Cross Committee Collaboration

Presenter: Andre Rupp, Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee Facilitator

Answer the following questions:

What do the other committees need to know?

What issues and updates have come up regarding Portrait of a Learner?

Summary of Discussion:

Rupp offered up these questions through his discussion: How does the state's role differ from the district role in Deeper Learning and Vibrant Learning? How would the VLE committee help and contribute to this work? Dugle stated Accelerating Innovation (AI) committee work is important and so is regional educational cooperative (CoOps) involvement in the deeper learning teams. She said that help to scale this work in a way that is best for kids locally and within state and federal guidelines is needed. Coleman said that whatever is designed will drive the teaching and learning within the classroom and districts and accountability should reflect what is doable and best for kids. Dodd shared that it is very important to have the best tools and values to create a metric for evaluating the work. Isenberg asked how this might look student/teacher friendly and how the results will be quantified or measured. Leather said that this system should be viewed as how we can improve.

Feedback:

Snipes shared in the chat the website for the [Kentucky Department of Education Developing Competencies, Performance Outcomes and Indicators for Portrait of a Learner Guidance Document](#).

Agenda Item: Kentucky United We Learn Survey Results

Presenter: Karen Perry, University of Kentucky, Center for Next Generation Leadership

Summary of Discussion:

Perry shared the survey results from the VLE committee. Perry showed the data and the comments that resulting from this survey. She said this feedback is taken very seriously and is considered. Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Dodd said that the United We Learn leadership team is taking these results and analyzing them as well.

Follow-up Required:

Results are in the shared drive.

Agenda Item: Re-prioritization of Work Groups: Evaluating Vibrant Learning Experiences

Presenter: Sarah Snipes, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

None as there was not enough time for this agenda item.

Follow-up Required:

To be discussed at another meeting or within another platform.

Agenda Item: Existing Structures: Kentucky Department of Education Best Practices Database

Presenter: Karen Perry, University of Kentucky, Center for Next Generation Leadership

Summary of Discussion:

The VLE group voted to look at existing structures to begin the work. Perry showed the Best Practices Database: [KDE Best Practices. The Canopy Project](#). Some background info on the selection/submission criteria for the KDE Best Practices Database: [Best Practices and Sustainability](#).

Feedback:

How will success be measured?

Follow-up Required:

VLE will analyze before the next meeting date.

Agenda Item: Adjournment (Announce Next Meeting Date)

Presenter: Justin Dunning, Committee Chair

Summary of Discussion:

Dunning hoped that all VLE members were okay with the new times that were created as a result of the survey. Perry stated that all VLE members should have received a calendar hold as well.

Future Meetings:

Sept. 18, 2023, 5:30-7 p.m. ET/4:30-6 p.m. CT

Oct. 23, 2023, 5:30-7 p.m. ET/4:30-6 p.m. CT

SUMMARY:

The Kentucky United We Learn Council's Vibrant Learning Experiences Committee meeting on Aug. 21, 2023, began with a back-to-school reflection. Kentucky United We Learn survey results were shared. Cross-committee collaboration with Accelerating Innovation focused on VLE's contribution to AI's work and members voiced the importance of reflecting diversity of communities, cultures and student needs within measurements and examples, especially concerning accountability and improvement for schools and students. Existing structures regarding Best Practices Database were explored and concluded with members assigned to review them and discuss at the next meeting: Sept. 18, 2023, from 5:30-7 p.m. ET/4:30-6 p.m. CT.