



## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE) Vibrant Learning Experiences**

**MARCH 6, 2023**

**Agenda Item:** Welcome and Connection

**Presenter:** Sarah Snipes, KDE Facilitator and Justin Dunning, Committee Chair

**Summary of Discussion:** Members shared about a food preference as a brief connecting activity.

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

**Presenter:** Sarah Snipes, KDE Facilitator

**Summary of Discussion:** Motion to approve Penny Christian, second by Susan Dugle, motion carries.

**Agenda Item:** Kentucky United We Learn Chair Election

**Presenter:** Justin Dunning, Committee Chair

**Summary of Discussion:**

- Kentucky United We Learn needs a full chair and vice chair
- Reviewed roles and responsibilities of the positions
- Outlined nomination process for interested parties

**Agenda Item:** Site Visit Update

**Presenter:** Karen Perry, Partner Facilitator

**Summary of Discussion:**

- Shared a reminder about the sign-up sheet for upcoming visits.
- Additional details will be sent in advance
- Additional site visit options may be possible

**Feedback:**

- Half-day subs are possible

- Request for items to be observed with committee additions
- Create a shared doc for group contributions
- How to learn from even more beyond the site visits
- Focus on statewide Portrait of a Learner (POL)

**Follow-up Required:**

- Will create a google sheet for shared ideas prior to the visit for shared learning

**Agenda Item:** Presentation on Canopy Project

**Presenter:** Sarah McCann, The Canopy Project Manager

**Summary of Discussion:**

- Presenter shared the Transcend Canopy Project platform.
- Purpose is to advance equity and student-centered learning through highlighting examples
- Nomination process, choose from tags, participate in a survey, and then the information is published
- Shared findings re: importance of Project Based Learning (PBL), and policy barriers to the work
- Shared the database with the committee
- Nominations are now closed but will open soon
- One Kentucky school in the database at this time

**Feedback:**

- Appreciate the attention to world languages
- How can we learn more about the approaches to performance assessment?

**Agenda Item:** Learning Opportunity Reflection and Intentions

**Presenter:** Sarah Snipes, KDE Facilitator

**Summary of Discussion:**

- Reminder of the learning resources curated for individual and collective research, and capture reflections in the individual reflection documents

**Feedback:**

- Canopy Project reflections:
  - Excited to learn more
  - Appreciate the groundwork that has been laid to curate examples we can build on
  - What are the look-fors for Vibrant Learning in Kentucky?
  - Would love to see more Kentucky schools represented when the next window opens in the fall

**Agenda Item:** Adjournment

**Presenter:** Justin Dunning, Committee Chair

**Summary of Discussion:**

- Thank you all for your commitment to this work!
- Kentucky United We Learn Convening: April 25 and 26, 2023
- Motion to adjourn by Susan Cintra, second by Rashaun West, motion carries

**SUMMARY:**

The Vibrant Learning Experiences Chair Justin Dunning presented the committee with nomination and voting information regarding the election of a new Kentucky United We Learn Council chair and vice chair. The committee also discussed site visits, which was the group's most requested method of learning about vibrant student experiences. Members of the committee will have the opportunity to participate in site visits to Marshall County and Eminence Independent. In response to committee members' request to also learn from national organizations, Sarah McCann, the project manager for [The Canopy Project](#), joined the meeting to introduce members to the database as a resource for exploring innovative schools and practices across the U.S.