



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

**MEETING DATE:
JAN. 16, 2024**

Agenda Item: Welcome and Connection

Presenter: Justin Dunning, VLE Chair

Summary of Discussion: Dunning initiated the meeting with a connection activity focused on the wintery weather happening across Kentucky.

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

Presenter: Justin Dunning, VLE Chair, and Sarah Snipes, KDE

Summary of Discussion:

Snipes gave an overview of past meetings. This included a reminder of the Sept. 18 VLE Committee meeting, which focused on a potential vibrant learning database for community stakeholders. The committee reviewed the Canopy Project and Kentucky's Best Practices as potential frameworks for a future platform or for sharing vibrant learning in the state. In October, members worked asynchronously to develop moonshot proposals, contributing to the November Kentucky United We Learn Council meeting. The committee did not convene in December due to holiday schedules.

Agenda Item: Cross Committee Collaboration

Presenter: Andre Rupp, The Center for Assessment; Jennifer Stafford, KDE; and Kathy Stovall, Chair of Accelerating Innovation (AI) Committee

Summary of Discussion: A detailed discussion shed light on the AI committee's design considerations across various levels, including system aspirations, design principles, essential features and operational components. The AI committee presented three workstream proposals, exploring diverse options within accountability systems as part of a learning agenda. The AI committee presented three workstream proposals as part of a learning agenda. Collaboration ideas discussed included: providing feedback and suggesting changes to current drafts, task

prioritization and contributing to research, sharing insights, designing mechanisms to gather key district design data, and reviewing state-level data architecture and resource web space mockups.

Feedback: Members highlighted the synergy between the AI committee's work and VLE initiatives, focusing on collaborative efforts to enhance learning. Members provided the AI committee with feedback to question if a list of 12 design principles might be combined or revised to more easily communicate and consider, especially from a district implementation perspective. Concerns surfaced around supporting both early innovators and those districts who may need additional support and scaffolds to create vibrant learning experiences for their students.

Agenda Item: Discuss VLE Definition and Next Steps

Presenter: Sarah Snipes, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Snipes reviewed the draft definition that had been voted on with approval from the VLE committee. Members were informed that the full council would need to meet virtually in the coming weeks to vote for official approval of the definition. Members were given a link to provide their availability to attend the voting meeting.

Follow-up Required:

Send VLE members a reminder to respond to the availability poll and attend the upcoming Kentucky United We Learn Council voting session once scheduled.

Agenda Item: Plan Spring Site Visits and Work Session

Presenter: Sarah Snipes, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Snipes introduced a planning document that framed potential look-fors, observations and questions around the current VLE definition. Members were asked to engage with the document to suggest questions of their own that would be shared with all members for notes, etc. during spring site visits. Members were also asked to contribute specific site visit suggestions. Members suggested site visits to schools and districts that represent diversity with students, geographical location and socio-economic resources.

Follow-up Required: Snipes will send a follow-up email noting this document as an action item for members to engage with (due to time limitations during the meeting).

Agenda Item: Proposal for Joint Committee Meeting with Accelerating Innovation (AISC)

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

Summary of Discussion: Combined with previous agenda item (Cross Committee Collaboration) to discuss potential ways to collaborate with the AI committee.

Follow-up Required: Snipes will send a follow-up email providing VLE members with the AI draft design principles and Menu of Options Committee Collaboration Learning Agenda draft.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Presenter: Justin Dunning, Committee Chair

Summary of Discussion: Dunning closed the meeting thanking members for their time and contributions.

Future Meetings: To be determined - Chairs and Facilitators of VLE will plan upcoming site visits and send information to members.

SUMMARY:

The VLE committee meeting involved cross-committee collaboration with the AI committee presenting their work on design considerations for accountability systems and ideas for collaboration. VLE members provided feedback, emphasizing the need for clear communication and support for diverse districts in implementing vibrant learning experiences. Next steps were shared which included finalizing and voting on the VLE definition. Members were also introduced to plans for spring site visits, encouraging members to suggest potential sites and contribute to the planning document with questions to guide observations.