

Education Subcommittee Conference Call
Thursday, October 4
Minutes

Committee Members Present

Bill Montford, Co-chair
Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Co-Chair
Karen Dowd
Robert Keiser
Kez McCorvey
Shannon Miller
Julie Ryczek

Council Members Absent

Others Present

Kim Berfield
Rachel Duerr
Jennie Hefelfinger
Kate Kemker

Bill Montford called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

Roll Call and Housekeeping

Rachel Duerr, Education Subcommittee Coordinator, took roll and announced the times and dates for the Orlando meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 22 from 10am – 4:30pm and on Tuesday, October 23 from 9am – 3:30pm at the Lake Nona YMCA. There will be time both days for subcommittee meetings.

Ms. Duerr reminded the members to mail in their travel reimbursements. She informed The committee that the minutes have been approved and will be sent out today. In addition, the letter from Governor Crist that will accompany the survey has been approved.

Approval of Template

The council members approved the State Plan of Action template with the updates from the Jacksonville meeting. Next, each member went through the tasks and gave any updates.

- *Task A: Julie Ryczek*
Julie Ryczek discussed the upcoming council member school visits. Ms. Ryczek read through the list of potential questions she created to help the council member's gain insight during their visits. She will be sending them to Jennie Hefelfinger to distribute to the members. Mr. Montford also addressed looking at what obstacles hinder the implementation of the PE Bill and the intent of the bill.
- *Task B: Nancy Hogshead-Makar*
No updates or additions.
- *Task C: Julie Ryczek*
No updates or additions.
- *Task D: Kez McCorvey*

No updates or additions. The recommendations for this task will rely on the information from the survey.

- *Task E: Robert Keiser*
No updates or additions.
- *Task F: Kez McCorvey*
No updates or additions.
- *Task G: Karen Dowd*
Dr. Dowd discussed that she will have her report done in writing for the next meeting. She is still receiving documents but can already see trends in the programs including: enrichment of science based classes, internships, and field experiences. The review does include private schools.
- *Task H: Karen Dowd*
Dr. Dowd is still receiving information for this task as well. The Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance provides training at its annual conference. Other trainings are offered at the state level (Department of Education) and at the county level (Polk County, Broward County).
- *Task I: Bill Montford*
Mr. Montford announced a survey would be released the first of next week to the superintendents.

School Visits

Mr. Montford informed the members that he sent a letter to the superintendents in Florida notifying them of the school visits. The superintendents responded that the council members are welcome to visit any school in any district.

Jennie Hefelfinger, Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, joined the call and provided an overview of the school visits. She explained the purpose of the visits is to report to the Governor how the implementation of the PE Bill is going throughout the state. The council members are free to choose the school(s) they wish to visit. The Department of Health will handle the coordination of the visits including media, local delegation, and school requirements. Ms. Hefelfinger asked the members to e-mail her the names of schools they would like to visit as well as availability. She will route to the schools for approval and our contacts will arrange for media and local delegation to be present. The visits must be completed by Thursday, October 18.

Strategic Planning for Education Tasks and Policy Recommendations

Ms. Hefelfinger announced the Orlando meetings and reinforced that the subcommittees would have time on both days to meet. She encouraged them to use the template to work through each task and to let her know if they needed any additional information. The template will help the committee develop recommendations for each task. The next

meeting will be the best time for the committee to work through the tasks and make recommendations. The November meeting will be finalizing and putting the finishing touches on the state plan.

Mr. Montford felt the group should leave the meeting on the 23rd with a good consensus on the recommendations for each task.

Ms. Hefelfinger acknowledged that the subcommittee would be framing many of their recommendations based on the results of the survey and school visits. The recommendations can be for future action, for example, amending a Florida Statute. Kim Berfield, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Health, will be available at the next meeting as well as a representative from the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget to discuss funding issues

Mr. Montford asked if a recommendation could be for a comprehensive review of all school facilities. Ms. Hefelfinger said it could and reminded the council members to be specific with their recommendations.

Ms. Berfield told the council she was available for support, statute information, references and a resource.

Dr. Dowd asked for the protocol to recommend speakers. Ms. Hefelfinger announced that if there is any speaker the members would like to please send her the name. The October meeting will be focusing on smart growth, active lifestyles, and the built environment.

Introduction of Survey from DOE

Kate Kemker, Bureau Chief of Instruction and Innovation from the Department of Education (DOE), joined the call. Dr. Kemker discussed that the survey and the feedback from the Governor's office that has been implemented. The DOE will send out the survey to instructional leaders. The survey should be completed in a timely manner. With the data, the DOE will be able to break down the data on many different levels. If anyone has additional changes, DOE will need them by the end of the day Friday, October 5. The survey will be sent out on Monday, October 8 and requested to be completed within 2 weeks. The DOE will provide the results for the meeting in Orlando on October 22. If it is possible, the DOE will send the results to the committee prior to the meeting for review.

Ms. Ryczek thanked Dr. Kemker for the great job DOE was doing. Ms. Ryczek asked if it would be a problem for her and Dr. Dowd to serve together on the Sunshine State Standards revision committee due to Government in the Sunshine. Ms. Berfield clarified that it would be fine for them to both serve on this committee because the concept is not limited to the prevue of the council. Dr. Kemker informed Ms. Ryczek and Dr. Dowd that they will be receiving information shortly about the revision committee.

Dr. Kemker informed the members that she would be providing them with some additional resources.

Next Conference Call Date

The group decided to wait until the Orlando meeting to schedule the next conference call.

Dr. Dowd extended an invitation to the council members to attend the Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance conference in Orlando, November 1-3. Ms. Berfield addressed that Dr. Dowd would be allowed to invite the members but may not be allowed to offer complimentary attendance vouchers due to ethics and lobbying laws.

Mr. Montford adjourned the call at 4:00pm.

Submitted By: Rachel Duerr

Approved By: