

Governor's Education Council
April 16, 2018
Minutes

Co-Chairs Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), and Dr. Blake Flanders, President & CEO, Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR), called to order the inaugural meeting of the Governor's Education Council at the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), 1420 SW Arrowhead, Topeka, Kansas, at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Members present:

Governor Colyer	Monica Crowe	Linda Fund	Robert North	Joe Sopcich	Steve Wentz
Molly Baumgardner	Diane DeBacker	Lana Gordon	Pat Pettey	Coleen Tabor	
G.A Buie	Brenda Dietrich	John Heim	Eber Phelps	Sean Tarwater	
Kathy Busch	Terry Dunn	Keith Lawing	Ben Schears	Daniel Thomas	
Alan Cobb	Mark Farr	Matt Lindsey	Garry Sigle	Helen Van Etten	
Nick Compagnone	Blake Flanders	Gina Meier-Hummel	Janice Smith	Randy Watson	

Members absent:

D. Craig Nelson	Ed O'Malley	Jim Porter
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Welcome, Review of Executive Order, and Charges for the Council

Governor Colyer welcomed the members of the Council and thanked them for their willingness to serve. He reviewed Executive Order 18-10 and provided the following charges:

- Establish a vision statement and guiding principles that reflect the collaborative goals of the council membership to build on successes and improve the education system in Kansas.
- Explore methods for integrating college and workforce preparedness into K-12 learning programs that align with and compliment the work of the Kansans Can initiative of the KSDE.
- Consider the application of public-private partnerships in developing industry specific learning goals.
- Inventory and assess existing workforce development initiatives within the state.
- Discuss a system for measuring effectiveness and accountability of educational opportunities beyond the common and known metrics.
- Inform and advise the Governor on educational initiatives and policies to improve the overall success of education and workforce development in Kansas.

Governor Colyer announced that Dr. Diane DeBacker, Executive Director, Business & Education, Department of Commerce would serve as Executive Director of the Governor's Education Council. Additionally, Alan Cobb, President & CEO, Kansas Chamber, and Ed O'Malley, President & CEO, Kansas Leadership Center will serve as Vice-Chairs. Governor Colyer requested that students be added to the membership of the Council. Dr. DeBacker will work with Dr. Flanders and Dr. Watson to gather names of student nominees. Names will be provided to the Governor for consideration and appointment to the Council.

Introduction of Members

Members of the Council were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Process & Modeling for Council Work

Dr. Watson provided information on how the work of the Council would move forward by establishing subcommittees derived from the Governor's charges in Executive Order 18-10. He acknowledged the diverse backgrounds of the Council membership and the importance the diversity brings to the Council's work. Watson introduced Dr. Rick Doll, Executive Director, Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) to facilitate the creation of the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles.

Creation of Vision Statement and Guiding Principles

Dr. Doll set the stage on how the work would proceed in creating the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. Members of the Council were separated into small groups and protocols were given for the discussion. Dr. Doll led the groups through a process in which they discussed shared values by selecting key words from the Governor's charges. Each group constructed and shared a one-sentence vision statement. Dr. Doll will meet with Dr. DeBacker, Dr. Flanders and Dr. Watson to review the statements. Additional work will proceed on the vision statement and the guiding principles at the next meeting.

Governor Colyer had the opportunity to observe the work of the small groups. As he departed the meeting, he acknowledged the thoughtfulness of the group conversations and again thanked the members for their participation on the Council.

Break

The Council took a 5-minute break at 11:05 a.m.

Process for Work of the Subcommittees

Dr. Flanders distributed a list of subcommittee assignments and asked that members gather with their assigned group. Subcommittee assignments are noted in the table below.

Governor's Education Council Subcommittee Assignments			
Subcommittee B <i>Explore methods for integrating college and workforce preparedness into K-12 learning programs that align with and compliment the work of the Kansans Can initiative of the KSDE</i>	Subcommittee C <i>Consider the application of public-private partnerships in developing industry specific learning goals</i>	Subcommittee D <i>Inventory and assess existing workforce development initiatives within the state</i>	Subcommittee E <i>Discuss a system for measuring effectiveness and accountability of educational opportunities beyond the common and known metrics</i>
Jim Porter (Co-Chair)	Lana Gordon (Co-Chair)	Diane DeBacker (Co-Chair)	John Heim (Co-Chair)
Helen Van Etten (Co-Chair)	Robert North (Co-Chair)	Keith Lawing (Co-Chair)	Daniel J. Thomas (Co-Chair)
Brenda Dietrich	Janice Smith	Terry Dunn	G.A. Buie
Matt Lindsey	Sean Tarwater	Gina Meier-Hummel	Ed O'Malley
Pat Pettey	Steve Wentz	Eber Phelps	Ben Schears
Nick Compagnone	Monica Crowe	Alan Cobb	Garry Sigle
Molly Baumgardner	Linda Fund	Mark Farr	Joe Sopcich
	D. Craig Nelson	Coleen Tabor	Kathy Busch

Much of the work of the Council will be done in the subcommittees. Members of the Council were directed to a list of subcommittee charges in their folders. Each subcommittee has a specific charge that will drive their work. Dr. Flanders asked that each subcommittee set a date for their first meeting, review the charges and determine how they will begin their work and what they will need. Subcommittee co-chairs will report on their work at the next meeting. This will be the model followed as the Council moves forward with their work.

Subcommittee Assignments and Discussion

Each subcommittee reported out regarding what areas/topics they would like to focus on at their first meeting. Two of the subcommittees set their first meeting dates; Subcommittee E will meet on May 24 and Subcommittee B will meet on May 21.

Next Steps

Dr. Flanders will have KBOR representatives at the subcommittee meetings to provide support. Dr. Watson will have staff from the KSDE to assist subcommittees as needed as well.

A link for the Governor's Education Council has been established on the KBOR website at <https://kansasregents.org/about/governors-education-council>

The link will also be available on the KSDE website and on the Department of Commerce website. Dr. DeBacker will explore options for a website dedicated to the Council.

The next meeting of the Governor's Education Council will be held on June 26 from 9:00 – noon at the Kansas Association of School Boards.