

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity

Redding Planning Meeting

December 4, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome

The virtual meeting started at 10:30 a.m. The co-chair of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity (Redding Consortium), Tizzy Lockman welcomed everyone in attendance.

12/10 Consortium Meeting 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Lockman explained that in preparation for the final full Consortium meeting on December 10, 2020 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. each Work Group would present motions to be voted on by members of the Consortium. Each Work Group discussed their proposed motions. Haley Qaissaunee, Institute of Public Administration (IPA) presented the draft motions for the Funding and Governance Work Group. She stated that House Bill 129 (HB 129) was not finalized, therefore the Consortium would vote to support the intent of the bill. Tika Hartsock, member of the Social Determinants and Funding and Governance Work Group, explained that she was conflicted about supporting the bill and asked for clarification on voting on the intent of the bill. Qaissaunee explained that the co-chair, Nnamdi Chukwuoacha, is still receiving feedback and editing the bill, therefore the vote is not on the draft of HB129, but rather the intent to accomplish referendum reform. Lockman asked for more detail regarding the Work Group's motion to refocus on governance in 2021. She expressed that she thinks the Work Group will continue to focus on both referendum reform and governance. Eugene Young, co-chair of the Funding and Governance Work Group, stated that the work for funding reform will continue, but the Work Group also wants to return to their original charge which was governance. Co-chair, Matthew Denn, added that the Work Group does not need the Consortium's full approval to complete the work they were charged to do. Lockman agreed but said preparing motions would ensure that every Consortium member is aware of the progress of each Work Group. Qaissaunee asked if a motion should be added about amending the redistricting timeline. Lockman said that can be addressed with she reviews the Consortium's path forward.

Co-chair of the Educators Work Group, Michael Smith, reviewed the draft motions. This motion was about supporting their two recommendations, a whole school professional learning package and a Grow Your Own program. Dawn Alexander, member of the Social Determinants Work Group, asked if their recommendations would include early childhood educators. Both Hartsock and Raye Jones Avery, co-chair of the Social Determinants Work Group, agreed with Alexander. Smith asked Alexander to draft some language that would clarify that the recommendations do include early childhood educators.

Avery explained that the motions for the Social Determinants Work Group would include three core areas: holistic early childhood development, community partnerships, and social justice. She added that they will use the Educators Work Group as a model to draft their motions. Lockman asked when the Work Group will have the motions prepared. Jeff Menzer, co-chair, said the motions will be completed after their Work Group meeting on December 7, 2020. Avery requested the PowerPoint prepared for

the full Consortium meeting on December 10, 2020 be sent around so the Work Group can use the same presentation format.

Settlement Work Group

Aaron Bass, co-chair of the Settlement Group announced that Dorrell Green will be his co-chair. He added that Hartsock, Chuck Longfellow, and Dean Gary Henry have joined the group as well. Bass expressed that the Work Group is seeking out additional membership. He stated that the Work Group has also met with the Education Graduate School at the University of Delaware to gain insight about the settlement. Hartsock asked if the membership would be extended to those outside of the Consortium. Lockman said yes, but the Work Group will have 6-8 members.

Public Engagement

Hartsock said she and Qaissaunee worked on improving the website so that it is more user-friendly. Qaissaunee explained the changes she made to the website. Lockman stated that she and Denn have met with smaller stakeholder groups about the Work Group's recommendations. She added the feedback has been helpful. Avery and Hartsock, asked if the feedback from the meetings could be sent to the Consortium. Lockman agreed to send her notes to the Consortium members.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

The meeting ended at 11:41 a.m.

Attendees:

Consortium Members

Co-chair, Tizzy Lockman

Co-chair, Matthew Denn

Dawn Alexander

Raye Jones Avery

Aaron Bass

Tika Hartsock

Jeffery Menzer

Eugene Young

Institute for Public Administration/Delaware State University Staff

Abigail Armstrong

Jason Bourke

Chris Kelly

Fran O'Malley

Cimone Philpotts

Haley Qaissaunee

Dan Rich

Kelly Sherretz

Members of the Public:

Kathryn Denhardt

Nicole Freedman

Larry Nagengast

Laurisa Schutt

Amy Solomon