

DLRT Team Meeting—September 18, 2018

Renee Racette, a Lee Fellow and honorary team member, was introduced to the group and told a little about herself, and the group members introduced themselves as well.

Thanks to Rudy for all of his work on the DLRT application. This has not been disseminated to the public yet. We have been asked to wait until after Board Meeting in October, so application reviews will now happen in November and we will onboard members in December. The application will release on Oct. 17th to higher ed, ROE's, and to all of the team to pass along to possible interested parties with a submit date of Nov. 1. The Superintendents' Commission, the Latino Policy Forum, and After School Matters were among suggestions for possible applicant pools.

The new DLRT webpage was introduced to the group. It is housed in the Education Preparation Providers and Stakeholders section of the ISBE website. Materials will be posted there as our work continues, and public comments and feedback may possibly have a home there as well.

The Teach Illinois Year of Inquiry report was sent to group. The ISBE team feels that our group can play a large role in accomplishing the recommendations in this report, which will be voted on by the Board at their October meeting. The creation of the DLRT Network will be voted on that day as well. Sam drafted a letter that could be used as a submission for public comment in support of the DLRTN and Emily solicited feedback from the group. Andrea suggested adding discussion about the need for better training and preparation for educators who teach students of color. Fred suggested adding titles to everyone's names at the end of the letter. The edited version of the letter will go out to everyone today. Members should email changes to Emily by Friday, September 21 and the letter will be finalized by September 26. Rudy will submit the letter for public comment once it is finished.

Andrea asked about the Year of Inquiry report. Emily explained that it originated as a way to more closely study the teacher shortages. Illinois gathered stakeholders from 40 different groups and the results of recommendations were compiled and put into a report to the board.

The October meeting will be pushed back to November 5th at 10am to accommodate the Board's vote on the creation of the network. We will spend time on 11/5 reviewing applications.

Emily reminded everyone to make their arrangements to attend the CCSSO Conference in Chicago from October 23-25. She will also send out details to do so and will arrange a time and place for us all to meet prior to the start of the formal conference.