

Illinois Assessment Review Task Force

Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Monday, May 4, 2015

1–4 p.m.

Illinois Federation of Teachers

500 Oakmont Lane, VTEL Room, Westmont, IL 60559

Conference Call Number: 888-494-4032; Access Code: 7066563739

Attendance

Subcommittee Task Force Members

Michael Beyer	Cathy Mannen (Co-chair)	Julie Schaid
Caroline Bilicki	Dr. Lynne Panega	
Brad Hutchinson	Bob Pritchard (representative)	

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Staff

Dr. Diana Zaleski	Steve Cordogan
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Midwest Comprehensive Center (MWCC) Staff

Julia Marchand	Thi Tran	Rachel Trimble
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Guests

Amy Alsop	Sharon Teefey
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Meeting Objectives

Discuss survey and data collection methods.

Welcome

The task force subcommittee met on May 4, 2015, at the Illinois Federation of Teachers' locations in Westmont and Springfield. Seven of twenty task force members and three guests attended the subcommittee meeting, either in person or via conference call. Co-Chair Cathy Mannen opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending, and proceeded with the meeting objective, a discussion about the survey and data collection methods.

Dr. Diana Zaleski informed the task force members that the final report has been submitted to the legislature, and upon its submission the task force is technically dissolved. However, she went on to explain the status of the extension request and what the task force may or may not do at this point in time.

Also, the task force subcommittee decided that the approval of the meeting minutes from April 6, 2015, would be tabled until there were more task force members present. It also was suggested that the meeting minutes be sent virtually to the larger task force team so that they could be approved.

Extension Update

Dr. Diana Zaleski informed the task force subcommittee that Representative Bob Pritchard and Senator Kimberly A. Lightford were in the process of requesting an extension for the task force to continue its work charged by the public act. Representative Pritchard commented that the timeline for a bill to be brought to the legislature has passed and the task force must wait for approval during the summer months or until the fall.

Survey and Data Collection Methods

The task force subcommittee members started the discussion regarding the survey and data collection methods by having an evaluation consultant, Julia Marchand, from the Midwest Comprehensive Center address questions and concerns communicated by the task force members. Julia Marchand provided suggestions based on research and best practices. During the open discussion, the task force subcommittee members expressed their interest in collecting additional data, from all regions, in order to have a larger response rate from each subgroup (i.e., teachers, students, parents, and superintendents). Also, it was expressed that, when revising the surveys, there can be additional questions inserted as long as the original questions are not altered. This would allow the task force to compare results and data from two different data collection points and two different data sets. Julie Schaid suggested deleting the question related to “field experience” with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers assessment because it will not be relevant in the future. Caroline Bilicki suggested formatting the parent survey to be similar to the teacher and superintendent surveys. Michael Beyer suggested adding questions to the surveys regarding test preparation and the effects of standardized testing on curriculum.

Next Steps

Co-Chair Cathy Mannen summarized the group’s next steps as updating the survey and data collection methods.

Adjourn

After no public comments were expressed, Michael Beyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie Schaid seconded the motion. The majority of the task force subcommittee voted in favor of adjourning. The Illinois Assessment Review Task Force Subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.