State Assessment Review Committee Minutes

Illinois State Board of Education Office 100 North First Street 4th Floor Conference rooms Springfield, IL

November 25, 2014 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Illinois State Board of Education Participants:

- Mary O'Brian
- Angela Chamness
- Dan Brown

SARC Members in Attendance:

- Laurie Miller
- Steve Cordogan
- Gene Olsen
- Paul Zavitkovsky
- Rebecca Vonderlack- Navarro
- Didi Swartz
- Monique Davis
- Kirk Humphreys
- Diane Wolf
- Steve Murphy
- Ben Boer
- Melissa Taylor
- Jessica Handy
- Brian Minsker
- Dan Cox
- Tracy Quattrocki

Others:

• No public representatives were in attendance.

Opening remarks and welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 by Angela Chamness. She stated to the members that the SARC is a statutory committee which meets to review the state's assessment program.

Introductions

Each member introduced themselves and stated their position in the education community.

Election of Chairperson

In the absence of other nominations, Steve Cordogan nominated himself. The nomination was seconded by Gene Olsen. The nomination was approved.

Review/approve meeting minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Gene Olsen to approve, seconded by Paul Zavitkovsky. The minutes were approved.

Election of Ethics Officer

The Chairperson nominated Marcia Dutton as the Ethics Officer, which was seconded. The nomination was approved.

Public Comment

Given the absence of any public representatives, no public comments were made.

General Discussion

A general discussion focused upon the following topics:

- standards,
- curriculum,
- instruction, and
- assessments and accountability.

Subcommittee Formulation

Subcommittees were formed to address the following areas of interest:

- content and design,
- time and money, and
- results and reporting.

Examination of PARCC Reporting Templates from Amplify Reporting

Amplify Reporting presented a set of templates for reporting the findings from the PARCC assessment. The committee discussed the usefulness of the reports and possibilities for improvement. Paul Zavitkovsky offered to follow up on possible report modifications.

Public Comment

Given the absence of any public representatives, no public comments were made.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:00 P.M. by Kirk Humphreys, seconded by Ben Boer. The motion was approved.