

School Success Task Force (SSTF)
Meeting of March 27, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Illinois State Board of Education
100 N First Street, 3rd Floor (V-Tel)
Springfield, Illinois

Illinois State Board of Education
James R Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street, 14th Floor (V-Tel)
Chicago, Illinois

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Representative Davis welcomed everyone to the School Success Task Force meeting.

II. Roll Call of Members: (No Quorum)

Members present:

Shane Aldridge, Attorney, Illinois Association of School Boards
Christine Boyd, Illinois Department of Corrections
Ava Carpenter-McPike, Member
Representative William Davis, Co-Chair
Debra Dyer, Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
Leslie Juby, Member
Jennifer Loudon, Chicago Public Schools
Dr. Arthur Sutton, Illinois Board of Higher Education
V. Sue Taylor, Illinois State Board of Education

General Public present:

Terry Solomon, Illinois African American Family Commission

III. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2012 Meeting and February 13, 2013 Meeting:

Minutes could not be approved – No Quorum

IV. Presentation – Jennifer Loudon, Chicago Public Schools

Jennifer Loudon presented on The Learning Environment and Social Development in Chicago Public Schools. The presentation focused on reducing suspensions and expulsions in Chicago Public Schools by making a safe climate that promotes achievement. The presentation provided information stating that safe environments also assist in reducing misconduct and in reducing truancy.

V. Best Practices Sub-Committee Report

A discussion regarding the survey and letter that has been prepared to send to the districts with the top suspension data was provided to members for one final review. The survey will be presented to Beth Hanselman for review and then will be sent to selected districts for completion.

VI. Task Force Recommendations & Suggestions for SSTF Report and Recommendations/Report Writing Sub-Committee Report

This sub-committee has not yet met. They will meet prior to the next Task Force meeting to begin the process of providing recommendations to the Task Force and to complete the written report. The written report is due by the end of the Task Force extension date which is June 30, 2013.

VII. Set Future Meeting Dates:

A discussion regarding the two additional public hearings ensued.

Dates, times, and locations for these two final public hearings were discussed. The dates for these hearings will be based upon Representative Davis' schedule and his availability to chair the two meetings. The plan is to conduct the two final public hearings prior to the next SSTF meeting.

The next meeting date will be May 7, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.

VIII. Other Business:

Quorum was not present to conduct a formal meeting.

IX. Public Comment:

None

X. Adjournment

Representative Davis adjourned the meeting.