

**School Success Task Force (SSTF)**

**Meeting of July 8, 2013**

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Illinois State Board of Education  
100 N First Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (V-Tel)  
Springfield, Illinois**

**Illinois State Board of Education  
James R Thompson Center  
100 West Randolph Street, 14<sup>th</sup> 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:**

***Members present:***

Christine Boyd, Illinois Dept of Corrections  
Dr. Seymour Bryson, Illinois African American Family Commission  
Maria Capoccia, Lt. Governor's Office  
Representative William Davis, Co-Chair  
Leslie Juby, Member (Nominated by President of Senate)  
Dr. Arthur Sutton, Illinois Board of Higher Education  
Sue Taylor, Illinois State Board of Education

***General Public present:***

Terry Solomon, Illinois African American Family Commission

**III. Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2013 Meeting:**

Quorum not present

**IV. Best Practices Sub-Committee Report**

Quorum not present

Survey results, presentations, public hearings, and supplemental information were combined into a document. Maria Capoccia created a document depicting the districts, included in the survey, that have code of conduct policies.

Recommendations from other task force reports were reviewed. It was decided to include some of those findings and recommendations in the SSTF recommendations. It was noted that previous task forces have had recommendations that have not had follow through.

The sub-committee explained that many of the recommendations can be done at no charge and some recommendation would have only a small charge. The committee stated it hoped that it would be possible to find funding for those districts that can't afford the recommendations.

The sub-committee members discussed different topics that were researched and noted that they hoped to include recommendations that were not costly. One discussion included determining the behaviors that were occurring and then beginning preventative measures to eliminate the behaviors before they ended in suspension..

Maria Capoccia pointed out that many recommendations don't require legislation to implement.

Representative Davis inquired whether information is disseminated to school districts on a regular basis. Sue Taylor stated that ISBE sends out a weekly Superintendent's Newsletter. This Superintendent's Newsletter could probably include the recommendations or maybe could provide a link to the districts. This would be more cost effective than mailing out packets of information to each district.

The sub-committee also stated that they would also like to review data for the schools they have over a 60% suspension/expulsion rate and compare them to the lowest performing school to see that comparison.

The Best Practices sub-committee is going to meet one more time to wrap up information and then they will forward all findings to the Report & Recommendations Sub-Committee.

**V. Report & Recommendations Sub-Committee Report:**

Quorum not present

The Report & Recommendations Sub-Committee consists of the following of member Maria Capoccia, Ava Carpenter-McPike, Leslie Juby, and Dr. Arthur Sutton, and public participant Terry Solomon. A conference call will be scheduled to discuss the report and recommendations.

**VI. Other Business:**

Quorum not present

The tentative meeting date of August 21, 2013 was rescheduled. The next and final meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

On October 23, 2013 the P20 Council has a quarterly meeting from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and has asked that that the Task Force possibly present regarding the recommendations.

**VII. Public Comment:**

None

**VIII. Adjournment**

Quorum not present

Representative Davis adjourned the meeting.