

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee Appointment

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that Emilee Morgan be reappointed to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee.

Rationale:

To fill a vacancy on the Writing Program Advisory Committee due to term expiration. The candidate has expertise in the areas of writing instruction and/or professional learning.

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the recommendation for the reappointment of Emilee Morgan to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.770, KRS 158.775

History/Background:

Existing Policy: According to KRS 158.770, the Kentucky Board of Education shall appoint the members of an advisory committee on writing to make recommendations to the board on methods of integrating writing into the curriculum, teacher training programs and workshops designed to facilitate the effective teaching of writing, and use of funds allotted for teacher professional learning and Kentucky Writing Project grants through the Kentucky Writing Program. The majority of the membership shall be educators currently employed by local school districts or public universities.

The Kentucky Writing Project State Network members nominate committee members. Because the Kentucky Writing Program incorporates various platforms for the delivery of professional learning, it is important that all platforms be represented on the Writing Program Advisory Committee. It also is essential that committee members understand the necessity of writing professional learning and the components of research-based professional learning in the field of writing.

Summary: The following individual is recommended for appointment:

1. Emilee Morgan – Oldham County Public Schools

Emilee Morgan is currently serving as Instructional Coordinator of Buckner Elementary School in Oldham County. Her responsibilities include providing instructional support to K – 5th grade teachers in all content areas, overseeing the gifted and talented program, and serving as the Building Assessment Coordinator. She previously served as a Literacy Coach for four years, and taught in the primary grades for nine years. She has been a National Board Certified Teacher since 2001.

Emilee participated in district curriculum development with the new math and English/language arts standards for two years. She has led multiple professional development sessions within and outside of the Oldham County school district. She is also currently an adjunct professor at Bellarmine University, teaching a master’s course in literacy.

Below is a chart reflecting the existing membership of the committee with the proposed appointment highlighted.

Name	Role	Year Appointed
Wesley Cooper	Teacher – Fleming Co. High School (Fleming County)	2014
Kimberly Barrett	Teacher – Calloway Middle School (Calloway County)	2015
Joseph P. Harris	Teacher – Lawrence Co. High School (Lawrence County)	2015
Heather Harris	Teacher – Wurtland Elementary (Greenup County)	2015
Michele McCloughan	Teacher – TC Cherry Elementary (Bowling Green Independent)	2015
Kimberly Mucker Johnson	Instructional Coach -- Waggener High School (Jefferson County)	2016
Susan Norton	Teacher – Rockcastle County High School (Rockcastle County)	2016
Emilee Morgan	Teacher -- Buckner Elementary (Oldham County)	2017
Jean Wolph Lisa Maggard	University Writing Project Network Coordinators	-----

All are serving four-year terms; the WPN Coordinator is elected annually.

Budget Impact: Pursuant to KRS 158.770, members shall be reimbursed for actual expenses for attendance at committee meetings and for other actual expenses incurred in carrying out their official duties.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Staff has consulted the current university writing project directors. The nominee is supported by the directors.

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