

KBE Special Committee- Assessment Experiences/Practices

May 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m. ET

Teams Teleconference Meeting

Kentucky Department of Education

Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order**

Chair Andre' Rupp introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the KBE Special Committee on Assessment Experiences/Practices Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. Chair Rupp explained the purposed of the working group is to build a shared understanding of contemporary design, implementation, and evaluation issues for diverse assessment experiences, particularly in the context of state assessment and accountability systems. We will do this in relation to the core issues that are most relevant to KY (e.g., competency-based education models, project-based and deeper learning, portraits of graduates, badging systems, innovations in accountability).

Chair Rupp indicated that the committee would work across groups on articulating the current theory of action for the state assessment and accountability system. The committee will also combine their learnings and co-create design recommendations to the Kentucky Board of Education for a future-oriented assessment system aligned with the themes in the United We Learn report and the work of the KUWL Council.

- **Members Present**

Andre' Rupp, Jamie Bowling, Jennifer Stafford, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Sharon Robinson, Lisa Hanson, Hayden Watkins, and Chiffon Winston. Guests: Brian Gong, Rhonda Sims, and Meredith Brewer

- **Discussion**

Chair Rupp opened the discussion by giving the floor to Chair Lu Young of the Kentucky Board of Education.

Chair Young thanked everyone for being a part of the committee and shared her vision of this committee, which is the Kentucky United We Learn Council, the initiative to move forward a bold new future for all learners across the state. A path to deeper learning, more personalized learning through vibrant learning experiences and innovation especially as it relates to assessment and accountability and then deep community engagement. We have been working on this for two and one-half years and we are making some big moves and sharing innovative ideas! We are drilling down into this project and the board is simultaneously developing a learning agenda of our own which is a set goals that are internal and external facing so as a board they can be as knowledgeable about the landscape of assessment and accountability design in the United States today and we are thinking about out learning agenda and how that looks like our learning agenda and to our state board. To that end, the board members looked at a first draft of our call to action our learning agenda. These work groups are an outgrowth of that effort. United We Learn and learning agenda are simultaneously and

inter-connected efforts to move the Commonwealth forward. Chair Young wants this group to reimagine and to innovate post no child left behind. She would like the committee to think about foundation design principles with a future orientation in mind of the work of the Kentucky Untied We Learn Council's three big ideas and to also create a theory of action around which the state assessment accountability system might take shape and share that with the board, the KUWL Council and the General Assembly, men and women, and other stakeholders. As well as a point of growth and learning for you the committee member to all have a better understanding of what the state assessment accountability looks like now and what kind of new frontier of innovation in assessment and accountability could lie ahead.

Chair Young thanked everyone joining the meeting today especially the Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Assessment and Accountability to join us on this journey while they are generously kind while they are already in the middle of the assessment work going on right now.

Chair Rupp opened the meeting for discussion from the group members to check to see if they have any foundational first questions as they begin the committee meetings. There were none. Chair Rupp shared the timeline and goal of this committee. He gave an overview of the committee work, review of survey responses, and overview of assessment foundations.

- **Next Steps**

Chair Rupp gave the group the task to review each of the sample resource examples provided for state systems and be ready to discuss for the next meeting on May 17. The objective is to look at each system and decide if you think that one of the systems might be in line with a design principle that you understand, and feel is most operational.

- **Adjournment**

Chair Rupp thanked everyone for your time and attendance. The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.