

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the United We Learn/ Teaching and Learning Committee meeting on December 6, 2023. The committee met in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

In absence of Chair Holly Bloodworth, JoAnn Adams facilitated the meeting. Adams welcomed the committee members and guests.

II. Roll Call

JoAnn Adams asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Lee Todd, Julie Pile, Alissa Riley, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, and JoAnn Adams.

III. Review Items

A. Kentucky United We Learn Council Update

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd and KUWL Council Vice Chair Penny Christian provided the update.

Karen Dodd went over the council makeup for year 2, which included: 55 members who collectively meet twice a year, Audrey Gilbert (Council Chair), Penny Christian (Council Vice Chair), and standing committees which meet monthly (Vibrant Learning Experiences, Accelerating Innovation, and Building a Bold New Future with Communities). The council held a 2 day convening on November 2-3. The first day primarily focused on committees sharing out, finalizing the moonshot (Council's vision), a journey mapping activity, and committee time. The second day focused on working groups, their 1-year celebration, working groups sharing out, and panelists who offered reflections. Karen Dodd then shared a word cloud from Council members summarizing their first year, which included words such as inclusion, collaboration, relationships, accountability, and understanding. Penny Christian shared an update on some of the Council's other working groups such as Portraits of a Learner, Engaging Communities, Accelerating Innovation, and Council Charter. Finally, Karen Dodd outlined the next steps for the Council, which were standing committees and working groups continuing their progress, the leadership team analyzing responses in convening feedback surveys, and the next convening, which takes place April 2024 in Frankfort.

B. Local Laboratories of Learning

KDE Division Director David Cook and KDE Program Manager Sarah Snipes provided the update.

Board members first heard from Greenup County Superintendent Traysea Moresea. Superintendent Moresea explained that L3 (Local Laboratories of Learning) work in Greenup County has focused on a community driven design process that has led to a vision for local accountability. She then went on to showcase the Greenup County dashboard (that contains profiles of graduates), which is updated every 9 weeks. Moresea described the reports as “a quarterly report on steroids”. She went on to say that the reports were in response to community members in her district seeking more transparency.

Board members then heard from Logan County Chief Academic Officer Joshua Matthews. Dr. Matthews explained that L3 work in Logan County has centered around the development of the “Profile of Success” and more specifically a set of measures called the “Pillars of Success”. Dr. Matthews emphasized the importance of including staff and teachers in developing their local accountability model. He then defined his local accountability model as designed to be as rigorous as federal and state systems and to not lower expectations but to maintain high standards. The presentation showcased how the Pillars of Success evaluations are made public and parents and community members can view data that has been collected regarding academic progress in Logan County.

IV. Adjournment

JoAnn Adams thanked everyone for their time and requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Patrice McCrary and seconded by Lee Todd. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.