

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the United We Learn/ Teaching and Learning Committee meeting on April 9, 2024. 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

Chair Holly Bloodworth welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Review Items

A. State Literacy Coaching Model

KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray and KDE Director of Early Literacy Christie Biggerstaff provided an overview of the state literacy coaching model. The presenters outlined the model as follows: “envisioned as a collaborative effort, the Kentucky literacy coaching model is set to begin in the 2024-2025 academic year. At the heart of this initiative are five State Regional Literacy Directors (SRLDs) overseeing the impactful work of 25 school-based literacy coaching specialists. These specialists, dedicated to becoming an integral part of the school community, will offer content and instructional expertise, on-site coaching support for teachers, and guidance, as needed, to administrators, teachers, and staff in a comprehensive approach to literacy coaching.” They went on to list many services coaches will provide such as assessing the current state of literacy instruction within schools and co-teaching with, or modeling lessons with teachers.

B. Kentucky United We Learn Council Update

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd provided the KUWL Council update. The presentation began by sharing the council’s approved moonshot, “To build a prosperous Kentucky, we will launch an accountability system that is meaningful and useful to all learners”. The council also introduced working groups at their November 2023 convening. They announced four new working groups in April: Engaging and Communicating with Communities, Menu of Options, District Supports for Quality, and Learning with Local Districts. The council then shared that on March 6, eighteen L3 teams gathered in Frankfort to share their local accountability systems prototypes within the context of design principles that prioritize vibrant learning experiences, value local context and expertise, and

continuously improve within state policy context. Their next convening will take place April 25-26 in Frankfort.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Bloodworth thanked everyone for the updates and requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling and seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.