



State Board of Education

Continuous Improvement Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Continuous Improvement

Date: June 10, 2019

Attendees: Thomas Capretta, Stephanie Dodd, Ludia Dorelien, Andrea Faulkner, John Hagan, Jason Heilman, Scott J. Hunt, Marva Kay Jones, Jenny Kilgore, Karl Koenig, Mark Lamoncha, Antoinette Miranda, Diane Neal, Eric Poklar, Brittany Steele-Sendi, Shannon Teague and Lisa Woods.

Chair Miranda called the meeting to order at 9:24 AM.

Approve 05/13/2019 Committee Minutes

Hagan made a motion to approve the 05/13/2019 committee minutes. Poklar seconded the motion. No discussion. Minutes approved.

OAC 3301-83 Ohio Pupil Transportation Rules

Jason Heilman, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an overview of the Ohio Pupil Transportation Rules which are being amended pursuant to the five-year rule review. Committee members reviewed feedback received by the Department after the June 3, 2019 stakeholder meeting. Following the June 3, 2019 stakeholder meeting, the Department has decided to create a workgroup to discuss possible changes to OAC 3301-83-11 and OAC 3301-83-20. Members voted unanimously to recommend adoption of OAC 3301-83-07, -08 and -13 to the State Board. The State Board will be asked to vote on adoption of the revised rules during its July 2019 meeting.

Overview of Operating Standards – OAC 3301-35-03 – 06 Steps and Process

Dr. Marva Kay Jones, Senior Executive Director of the Center for Continuous Improvement, and Dr. Scott Hunt, Executive Director of Field Relations, provided a high-level overview of the internal process of reviewing and revising Ohio's Operating Standards, which are being amended pursuant to the five-year rule review. Department staff provided a summary of the current requirements under the following rules: OAC 3301-35-03 Blended learning, OAC 3301-35-04 Student and other stakeholder focus, OAC 3301-35-05 Faculty and staff focus and OAC 3301-35-06 Education programs and support. In the upcoming months, committee members will continue to review each rule in the Operating Standards for a possible committee vote in November 2019 and a full board vote in December 2019.

Community Schools Overview

Karl Koenig, Director of the Office of Community Schools, provided members with a high-level overview of the primary functions of the Office of Community Schools. Members were informed of the Department's role in overseeing, monitoring and evaluating community schools' sponsors. Department staff answered questions regarding student transition when a community school is closed and the Department's efforts to improve student transition during this process.

School Quality Improvement Grant

Andrea Faulkner, Assistant Director in the Office of Improvement and Innovation (OII), discussed one of the competitive grants, the School Quality Improvement Grant, overseen by OII. Department staff discussed the purpose of the School Quality Improvement Grant, which is to carry out school improvement activities. Department staff provided examples of how districts can use funds towards the four grant target areas: 1. Excellent educators and instructional practices; 2. Standards, assessment and accountability; 3. Positive climate and culture; and 4. Research-based collaboration.



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Members asked Department staff to discuss how the Department decides to award some applications over others and to provide the average amount of funds awarded to each school.

21st Century Grant

Shannon Teague, Assistant Director in the Office of Improvement and Innovation, discussed the purpose of the 21st Century Grant, which is to provide opportunities for communities to establish or expand activities in community learning centers. Department staff provided a description of the grant's three target areas: 1. Academics (reading and math), 2. Positive youth development and 3. Family engagement. Department staff provided examples of how funds are currently being used by community organizations based on community need and the impact this has on students and families in the area. Department staff discussed how the funds are being monitored and answered members' questions regarding how targeted areas are measured during the evaluation process.

Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Grant

Thomas Capretta, Direct Student Services Coordinator in the Office of Improvement and Innovation, discussed the purpose of the Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Grant, which is targeted towards districts in improvement status and low-achieving students in other local education agencies. Members were informed of the 2019 grant target areas which included: 1. Career pathways development and expansion and 2. Advanced coursework access and success. Members asked Department staff to discuss the roles of grant writers during the application process and how the Department solicits applications. Members were informed of the challenges in the solicitation of applications for this specific grant and how the Department plans to improve in this area.

Adjournment

Chair Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting. Hagan made a motion to adjourn and Lamoncha seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.