



Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council

Date: March 26, 2024

Council members present: Cris Gulacy-Worrel, Dave Cash, Dean Manke, John Hagan, Lenny Schafer, Melissa Bedell, Sheila Vitale, William Watson

Department staff in attendance: Colleen Grady, Lily Bartholomew, Katie Beahr, Karlyn Geis, Aaron Rausch, Elena Sanders

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Colleen Grady called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. With eight members present, a quorum was present.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Colleen Grady provided an agenda overview and clarification of agency priorities which include literacy, learning acceleration, student wellness, and workforce readiness.

Grady called for a nomination of the Chair for the council. Cris Gulacy-Worrel nominated John Hagan for Chair. The motion was seconded by Dave Cash. There being no additional nominations and no opposition, John Hagan was declared to be the Council Chair.

Mr. Hagan assumed chair of the Council meeting.

Mr. Hagan called for nominations for Vice Chair. Lenny Schafer nominated Cris Gulacy-Worrel as Vice Chair. There being no other nominations or opposition, Cris Gulacy-Worrel was declared to be Vice Chair.

William Watson nominated Dave Cash as Secretary. There being no other nominations or opposition, Dave Cash was declared to be the Council Secretary.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS AND REVIEW OF COUNCIL CHARGE

Lenny Schafer made a motion to approve the bylaws. William Watson seconded the motion. The bylaws were adopted with no opposition.



DEW Dropout Prevention and Recovery Liaison, Sheila Vitale, provided an overview of the council charge that included:

- Working collaboratively with the Department to review all existing rules and guidance relating to dropout recovery community schools;
- Representing a variety of stakeholders to communicate interests and concerns of the dropout prevention and recovery community;
- Promoting the identification of best practices for dropout prevention and recovery schools;
- Making recommendations to the Department regarding legislative changes related to dropout prevention and recovery schools.

DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY RULES AND GUIDANCE

Colleen Grady provided an overview of the dropout recovery report card and presented on OAC 3301-102-10 through 12. There were no questions from the council.

DISCUSSION

Discussion included requests for:

1. An overview of the previous Dropout Prevention and Recovery Council (2019) recommendations; specifically which recommendations have been implemented.
2. Discussion of workforce programs and options for schools.
3. An overview legislation specific to dropout prevention and recovery schools and programs.
4. Information related to the Ohio Backpack Bill. Is there a correlation between the bill and enrollment increases in dropout prevention and recovery community schools.
5. Labor market for the 16-24 age group.

The council set the next meeting for April 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Lenny Schafer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and William Watson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:24am.