

**Meeting Notes**  
**Quality Education Commission**  
**Oregon Department of Education**  
**255 Capitol St NE Salem, OR 97310**  
**Conference Room 251B**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**QEC Commissioners Present**

Sarah Boly  
Beth Gerot  
Colt Gill  
Ana Gomez  
MaryAlice Russell  
Julie Smith (by phone)  
Peter Tromba  
Hanna Vaandering

**ODE Staff**

Stephanie Parks  
Brian Reeder

**Guest**

Andrew Dyke, ECO Northwest

**QEC Commissioners Absent**

Greg Hamann  
Judy Stiegler  
Doug Wells

**Member Updates and Information**

Peter Tromba has accepted the position of Research & Policy Director at the Oregon Education Investment Board, and will be resigning from the Quality Education Commission. He will be staffing the meetings, however.

Hanna Vaandering discussed the TELL survey, and encouraged Commissioners to spread the word. Information from the survey will be used to inform Oregon policy makers.

Hanna also talked about the Oregon Education Symposium March 24 at the Salem Convention Center., where the focus will be serving kids in poverty. Keynote speakers are Dr. Pedro Noguera, a sociologist and education professor at New York University, whose research focuses on how to help students succeed under tough social and economic conditions, and Dr. Nancy Golden, Chief Education Officer, OEIB.

Ana Gomez discussed OSU's Juntos program, an initiative in which the university works with community colleges, K-12 schools, local government, regional economic development groups and other stakeholders in communities across the state to develop educational opportunities tailored to meet local needs. Juntos, working in partnership with high schools and with the support of several other community organizations, aim to prepare Latino high school students and their families for college.

**Update on Best Practices Research**

Sarah Boly has modified the Best Practices Research timeline. The new timeline is as follows:

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| January 23               | Project meeting held involving ECO NW, EPIC, and the QEC to revise the QEC’s best practices research project timeline and to discuss the school and student characteristics that will be taken into consideration throughout the research conducted by both contractors.                      |
| January 23 – February 23 | Development by ECO NW of the student-level model of postsecondary enrollment and persistence among recent Oregon high school students. Preparation by EPIC of the matched pair high school outreach communication plan and other elements of the overall implementation plan for CampusReady. |
| February 2014            | Best Practices Panel phone conference with EPIC to discuss match pair high school outreach communications.  |
| January 24-March 6       | Preparation by ECO NW of the college readiness ranking report and the early identification of potential high school matched pairs.  |
| March 6                  | ECO NW submits draft research results/recommendations to the Best Practices Panel for preliminary review.   |
| March 12                 | ECO NW reports final research results/recommendations at the regularly scheduled QEC meeting and QEC selects the five matched pairs that will be the subjects of the CampusReady study conducted by EPIC.   |
| March 13                 | Outreach to and implementation planning with matched pair high schools begins.  |
| March 28-April 28        | Campus Ready administration window is open (schools have access to the online system to complete the surveys).  |
| April 9                  | EPIC discusses CampusReady with the QEC. QEC also engages in a discussion about the feasibility of conducting case studies as a third phase of the research project.  |
| May 14                   | Best Practices Panel presents and discusses the literature review with all Commissioners.   |
| June 2014                | EPIC delivers Insight Reports based on Campus Ready findings.   |
| July 2014                | Tentative Final Draft Research write-up submitted and approved for inclusion in 2014 QEM Report   |

Andrew Dyke, Consultant for ECO Northwest, described the method used for finding matched pairs of high schools. After discussion, consensus was reached and five matched pairs were chosen to be the subjects of the CampusReady study conducted by EPIC. Invitations to participants will be sent from Nancy Golden, Chief Education Officer. MaryAlice Russell and Colt Gill will contact the superintendents from each invited district to explain the project and pave the way for a positive RSVP by Monday, March 17.

**QEM Cost Model Update**

Brian Reeder discussed the QEM Cost model, indicating that he was waiting on financial data for the main part of the model. He also indicated that there are clearly gender influences that need to be understood and studied more.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

The next meeting of the Quality Education Commission will be April 9<sup>th</sup>.