

Meeting Notes
Quality Education Commission
Somerville Building
775 Court St. NE Salem, OR
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

QEC Commissioners Present

Sarah Boly
Lori Whimmer
Colt Gill
Ana Gomez
Greg Hamann
MaryAlice Russell
Julie Smith

ODE Staff

Nicki Prather
Brian Reeder

Member Updates and Information

- Sarah Boly commented the year is off to a good start. She suggested a good way to catch peoples interest when trying to muster funds for schools is to use charts and graphs.
- MaryAlice Russell also stated the year is off to a good start. They will be focusing on teaching, learning and safety. She informed the group they have three administrative openings if you know of anyone that would be a good fit please let her know.
- Greg Hamann commented the groups purpose needs to be redefined. He said it feels like no one is listening and we need to work together to bring education front and center. He suggested enlisting the Governor's help as a voice for QEC. **Greg has had conversations with Mark Johnson with Oregon Promise, and they have a state level contract with AVID.**
- **Julie Smith is working on the stats report for Oregon and the report should be released soon.** She stated they are investing in assessment literacy pilots. They're asking rural schools to design a program to capture assessments in a balanced way that can be utilized by all schools. Julie mentioned shifting leadership to a wider range of people to expand the coverage. **Greg suggested utilizing the Boys and Girls Club, they use Learn Works Group, a statewide student level data base.**
- Colt Gill stated ESSA passed since the last meeting. There may be changes to when the SAT's are administered and Smarter Balance has been the topic of discussion as well.
- Brian Reeder reported ODE is seeing dramatic increases in graduation rates. We will try to interview the principals of the individual schools to see what they attribute the success to. Brian stated the report will be released February 1st.

Update on case studies with EPIC

Sarah reported a visit is scheduled in Jefferson later this month. Sarah gave Brian an email to review which she may need ODE's assistance on. Brian will contact Christine to see how ODE can help.

Update on School Based Model

Brian distributed the report for review. It was suggested PERS be part of the equation to ensure accurate estimates. MaryAlice suggested parent training prior to sending children to pre K, K-1 and K-2.

Brian reported Pre-K is very time consuming and suggested forming a sub-committee for it. Colt and MaryAlice volunteered to participate. Brian will send an email out to the rest of the Commission for more participants.

Brian discussed the School Achievement Model (SAM-Chelsea?) Less text, more visual.

Brian hopes to have the report published by August, watch for emails. Julie asked emails be sent to her work address.

Colt reminded the group if you have not gotten your renewal yet to let both him and Brian know. Renewals are due by February 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

The next meeting of the Quality Education Commission will be February 10, 2016.