

Quality Education Commission

Oregon Department of Education

255 Capitol St. NE Salem, OR

February 10, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present:

Sarah Boly, Brian Reeder, Colt Gill, Greg Hamann, Julie Smith, Beth Gerot, Ana Gomez and scribe Nicki Prather

Commissioner Reports:

- Colt reported the Senate Rules Commission renewed Samuel, MaryAlice and his commission. He had no further information on any other renewals.

Colt stated if his district maintains their momentum their graduation rates will continue to hold even with all ethnicities.

- Julie informed the group Anna came to her schools to talk about programs and it was a huge success.

Julie reported Oregon has been chosen as the pilot state for the Teach to Lead program.

- Brian updated the group on the two bills pertaining to Oregon education at the legislature. The first is on the 5th year student and it looks like it will pass. The second is in regards to ODE expanding their data system to gather information from school districts on how they are allocating their funding. The hope is to find out why districts that receive the same amount of funding have variations in year length, class size, etc. Brian said he would do an evaluation of spending across districts between now and December to see how they invest their funding and the variations.

Brian shared High Quality Pre-K information, group discussion on information.

- Anna and Greg did not have updates.

Update on case studies with EPIC

Sarah reported EPIC is right on track. Three of the four write-ups are almost complete. Matt Coleman will be presenting on March 9th. A location for the presentation has not been determined. Brian will look into locations to have the meeting. PowerPoints, handouts, etc. should be sent electronically prior to the presentation. Brian points out prioritizing and focusing on pre-K work and a regular update of the model. Make sure it predicts current data accurately. More work on practices and their effects. (low income, ELL, gender, etc.)

Brian suggested bringing staff from the Early Learning Division to the next meeting to get input from them. The group agreed it would be a good idea. The EPIC presentation will take about 1.5 hours, Colt suggested skipping the monthly updates to allow time.

Colt stated an email will go out to members; to see who wants to be on a sub-committee focusing on Best Practices; and to remind everyone what other sub-committees are out there and who is on them.

Meeting adjourned 11:55. Next meeting March 9th, location to be determined.