

**Quality Education Commission**  
**Oregon Department of Education**  
**255 Capitol St. NE Salem, OR**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Room 401**

**Present:**

Brian Reeder, Ana Gomez, Beth Gerot, Sarah Boly, Samuel Henry, John Rexford, MaryAlice Russell, Hanna Vaandering by phone and scribe Nicki Prather

**Commissioner Reports**

- Hanna has been working on the state wide workgroup for the ESSA state plan. She is also working with the Center for Great Public Schools.
- Beth is working with Oregon Learns Fellows. She suggested having Duncan Wyse come to talk to the group at an upcoming meeting. Beth gave an update on the OSBA meeting she attended.
- This was John Rexford's first meeting, he gave a brief bio. Welcome John!
- MaryAlice reported they're still struggling with drivers, nothing else to report at this time.
- Samuel reported attending meetings around immigrant and refugee children. They are hoping to get a new Dean of Education as their current one will be retiring soon.
- Ana attended the Courageous Conversations summit in Texas.
- Brian has been focusing on SB1541 and how different districts are spending their money and how it varies. His report is due December 15, 2016.

Sarah stated it's time to start thinking about the RFP for the next report. The commission should decide what areas we want covered before requesting the RFP. MaryAlice has an RFP writer on her team we may be able to utilize.

Ana commented many different groups are working on the same types of research the commission is and how beneficial it would be to collaborate with each other and share the data.

John asked if the commission has ever looked at what's not working instead of focusing on what is. Brian said we have done some analysis, compared like-area, pairs of schools. You would expect them to be similar but they were at opposite ends of achievement outcomes. We learned they have different perspectives on collaborations, practices, etc.

Brian suggested pulling out short papers throughout the research instead of saving it all for the final report. Many agreed it would be easier reading for those that may not get through the entire report.

Hanna suggested adding the agenda item: What are our responsibilities as commissioners?

MaryAlice asked if Brian had the opportunity to speak to OSBA yet. He said he had not but will try to do so before the next meeting.

It was suggested inviting Trisha Yates, ODE Communication Director, Lindsey Capps and Colt Gill to future meetings. Sarah said she would bring the research team.

MaryAlice suggested the commission focus on three things:

- 1- structuring a communication plan around the existing report
- 2- reprioritizing the work we need to do
- 3- meeting with Lindsey to get marching orders before we go too far

Brian said he would forward the report to Trisha Yates to review and pull out key messages we want to send out before the report goes out in January.

Meeting concluded at 12:00 PM.