

Immigrant/Refugee Student Success Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2026



Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1:00 pm	Welcome	Mujidat Saaka, Heidi Lee Harless, Program Coordinators
1:05 pm	Today's Agenda	Erasto Sedda, Chair
1:10 pm	Community Building	Mujidat Saaka, Heidi Lee Harless, Program Coordinators
1:22 pm	Advisory Group Feedback Loop ODE gathers feedback from the AG, brings that back to ODE for implementation, and then brings information back to the advisory group to let them know how their recommendations were implemented. Examples of how recommendations inform action: • Inform changes to RFA application questions • How grant funds are distributed • District performance and continuum of supports feedback for the accountability bill led to Heidi sitting on the strategic planning committee • Legislative Report feedback	Mujidat Saaka, Heidi Lee Harless, Program Coordinators
1:28 pm	Attendance & Participation Expectations • 9 total meetings for 2026-27 • Preparation and review of materials • Engagement in discussion • Representation of community perspectives • Communication protocols	Erasto Sedda, Chair
1:30 pm	Student Success Plans Collaboration • October 6th - All New SSP Member Onboarding • Support LGBTQ2SIA+, Latinx, AABSS, and NHPI with Student Success Plan revisions	Erasto Sedda, Chair
1:33 pm	10 minute - Break	Heidi Lee Harless, Mujidat Saaka, Program Coordinators
1:44 pm	Presentation: Legislative Intent to Measurable Outcomes	Mujidat Saaka, Heidi Lee Harless, Program Coordinators

	● Essential for the legislature to see that there is a return on the legislature's investment. ● Part of the IRSSP framework is the 17 progress indicators, which are the core data, provided by the strategies and actions our grantees are carrying out. ● The 17 progress indicators can be organized by the SSP goals like improved attendance, improved graduation rates, etc. ● Each grantee's actions and strategies can then be aligned to ODE's goals as well as the Plan objectives. ● Internal data from organizations is essential to show the impact of their programs, combined with the recent arriver data we have, to show the needs that exist. ● Funding includes support for fluency in home language, awarding seal of biliteracy or multiliteracy. ● Student Success Plan, Advisory Group, and Grant Program work together to provide resources to students and community. ● Scaling up by providing free, open resources created by grantees through the Oregon Open Learning platform to students across Oregon. ○ Examples: ■ Grantee (IRSS): summer literacy, numeracy and language program ■ Grantee (AABSS): Student-led Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Counseling ■ Grantee (Latinx): Family Preparedness Packet	
2:22 pm	Small Groups: Resource Rubric Review (10 minute breakout - 10 minute whole group share out) ● Are the expectations clear for grantees when they apply? ○ Grantees understand that they will need to develop a free resource when	Mujidat Saaka, Heidi Lee Harless, Program Coordinators

	they apply, but there is room for improvement in the expectations because it's very broad at the moment. This is intentional, because grantees are very different and need room to develop different types of resources, but grantees also need good guidance. ● Encourage grantees to highlight the youth voice so that the resource resonates with their lived experience. ● Would recommend testing the tool with a couple of grantees so it's scalable through different types and sizes of organizations. They may actually need a couple of elements you haven't thought of. ● Focus seems from the ODE lens instead of young people in the community, so taking a look from the perspective of whether the resource is of value to youth and families might be helpful.	
2:47 pm	Staff and Member Announcements ● Annual Retreat for IRSSP - Thursday, October 15 from 12-4 PM. DAS Executive Building in Salem. ● New Member Onboarding: Tuesday, October 6th from 4:30-5:30 PM (virtual). Overview of key responsibilities, required trainings, and general information. ● Meeting schedule: third Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM (no meeting in December).	Erasto Sedda, Chair
2:56 pm	Meeting Adjourned	Erasto Sedda, Chair