Quality Education Commission Oregon Department of Education 255 Capitol St. NE Salem, OR Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Room 251B

Present: Brian Reeder, Sarah Boly, Peter Rudy, Hanna Vaandering, Beth Gerot, Laura Lien, Kia Sorensen, John Rexford, Greg Hamann and Maryalice Russell. Ana Gomez attended via phone.
Scribe: Nicki Prather
Guest: Peter Tromba

New Business:

Brian distributed the Overview of Oregon's Quality Education Model. Tricia Yates sent it out on our list serve on May 2nd. (See attached)

Sarah and Beth have been drafting the QEC's Best Practices Panel Talking Points; the goal is to make it an easier read. Suggestions for changes included removing "talking points" from the title and change the italicized section to the same font as the rest of the document. Sarah and Beth will make the suggested changes and any others sent to them. Sarah will resend the revised draft to the group and Tricia Yates for final review.

Maryalice drafted the letter for the Legislators regarding the shortfall in the education funding. The letter will be sent to Nancy Nathanson, Richard Devlin, Rod Monroe and Barbara Smith Warner. It will be signed by Commissioners John Rexford, Hanna Vaandering, Sarah Boly, Greg Hamann, Beth Gerot and Maryalice Russell.

Peter Tromba with the Chief Education Office continued his presentation, "Practices to Improve the Achievement of Students in Poverty". Peter asked the commissioners if the QEC would be interested in partnering with the CEO and sharing information and research to benefit both groups. The commissioners in the room agreed it would be beneficial to both groups.

Suggestion for next meeting: Where are the community colleges in this and how does it intersect with K-12? What's happening with their numbers and resources? Greg said he has a presentation he can share.

Next meeting:

June 14, 2017, Public Services Building, 10:00 – 12:00, Room 250