



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

SHEILA SIMON – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

P-20 Joint Education Leadership Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 17th at 1:30pm

Lt. Governor's Capitol Office
Springfield, IL

Lt. Governor's Chicago Office
James R. Thompson Center
Chicago, IL

A- Roll Call

Springfield

Lt. Governor Sheila Simon
State Superintendent Chris Koch, IL State Board of Education
Harry Berman, IL Board of Higher Education
Al Phillips, IL Board of Higher Education
Dan Cullen, IL Board of Higher Education
Deb Meisner-Bertauski, IL Board of Higher Education
Karen Hunter Anderson, IL Community College Board
Katharine Gricevich, IL Student Assistance Commission
Maria Capoccia, Lt. Governor's Office
Lynne Haeffele, Lt. Governor's Office
Crystal Saint, Lt. Governor's Office

Chicago

Miguel del Valle, P-20 Council Chairman
Director Janet Holt, IL Education Research Council
Theresa Hawley, IL Early Learning Council
Julie Smith, Governor's Office
Amber Kirchhoff, Governor's Office

Phone

President Geoff Obrzut, IL Community College Board
Jason Tyszko, IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Absent

Director Eric Zarnikow, IL Student Assistance Commission
Director Adam Pollett, IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Max McGee, P-20 Data Assessment and Accountability Committee

B- Approval November 2012 Meeting Minutes

Lt. Governor Simon asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Obrzut and seconded by Berman. Motion was passed unanimously.

C- Overview of 2013 Priorities and Projects

P-20 Council:

Del Valle said that in 2013 the P-20 will continue its work within the committee structures to bring people together and get people moving toward the 60 X 2025 through education reforms like the revamped School Report Card.

IL State Board of Education:

Koch indicated that he has held four superintendent meetings across the state in the last seven days and is seeing more fear than ever that schools won't be able to keep their doors open due to financial constraints. He said more districts than ever are asking for financial assistance, which he expects will continue with continued General State Aid proration, a rising cost of education delivery, and limited local education funding. Koch also said he is working with superintendents hoping for more district consolidations, as some small districts won't likely make it if there is a deeper proration. The East St. Louis and North Chicago school districts that ISBE took over in 2012 continue to see improvement.

Koch said he is receiving a lot of pushback on reform measures. Even with the 5Essentials school improvement survey, people are concerned with security and that teachers could use this to evaluate principals negatively.

He stated that the upcoming PARCC assessments will require a major build out of broadband infrastructure, but he thinks that a modest investment would be big jobs creator if there is a capital bill. He estimates that roughly \$220 million would be needed.

ISBE is continuing to work with U.S. Department of Education on ESEA waiver. They also continue to work with the Gates and Carnegie Foundations on the build out of the Shared Learning Environment (SLE) in Bloomington and Race to the Top districts.

Koch said the ISBE budget will reflect the need for modest school maintenance grants to boost school security.

IL Board of Higher Education:

Berman said that priorities in the coming year include passage of the FY14 budget, development of the ILDS, and continued work on performance funding. He would also like to improve the working relationships between education agencies.

Cullen indicated that IBHE's administrative rules were changed significantly last year, giving them greater authority in reviewing institutions seeking operational and degree granting authority. Moving forward, IBHE will be able to investigate failing institutions more thoroughly. Work in that area has begun. IBHE is also working on the higher education component of Common Core and PARCC implementation through professional development. And, IBHE will again collaborate with the IERC on the High School to College success report this year.

IL Community College Board:

Anderson stated that ICCB is looking to scale up dual credit and dual enrollment, and improve college affordability. They are currently conducting a new economic impact study of Illinois community colleges and their communities, and are composing a strategic plan for workforce education.

IL Student Assistance Commission:

Grievich said that ISAC will be engaged in MAP advocacy this spring and will be hosting more than 150 FAFSA events in the month of February, which is Financial Aid Awareness month. The annual College Changes Everything conference will take place July 11th.

Illinois Education Research Council:

Holt stated that the IERC is in the process of figuring out their research agenda for the next few years. They will be focusing on strategies for serving underserved students, and will put out at least one report in that area.

Illinois Early Learning Council:

Hawley indicated that the ELC will be focusing on outcomes from the Early Learning Challenge.

D- CCA Conference Update (Director Berman)

Berman stated that Team Illinois went to its 3rd Annual Complete College America Conference on December 13th and 14th. At the conference, which was held in New Orleans, they discussed data-driven change, remediation, time to degree, and guided pathways.

He said seven "Core Principles for Reforming Remedial Education" were presented at the conference, and one overarching idea that stands out is offering integrated remediation with academic support alongside a gateway course. He said that college placement tests also need to be assessed to ensure students are placed in the correct course—preventing unneeded remediation. Block-scheduling, enrollment in meta-majors, and course intensity was also discussed.

E- Performance Funding Update (Director Berman)

Berman indicated that IBHE plans to move forward with a second year of performance funding, with .5% set aside for that purpose. They will be taking the proposal to the Board of Higher Education on February 5th.

Anderson said that ICCB is looking at the community college performance measures and pairing them with initiatives to improve incentives.

F- MAP Task Force Update (Katherine Gricevich)

Gricevich stated that the MAP Task Force Report was submitted to the General Assembly on December 31st. The Task Force worked for 6 months to determine whether or not any program changes should be made to MAP to achieve better outcomes. Gricevich said that everyone agreed that MAP needs more funding and recommended further action in certain areas, but did not recommend any major changes to the program.

Obrzut indicated that ICCB will be drafting a white paper voicing their disappointment with the MAP Task Force and their recommendations.

G- Status of Longitudinal Data System (Julie Smith)

Smith said that Jonathan Furr from NIU is now leading effort to form an ILDS governance structure and overcome interagency data sharing issues. He convened the first meeting on December 14th, which was well attended by data-owning agency representatives. Smith is hopeful that the federal government will continue to prioritize longitudinal data and provide additional funding to help establish the ILDS.

H- IERC Updates (Janet Holt)

Holt detailed the IERC reports, which can be found at their website:

<http://www.siu.edu/ierc/publications/index.shtml>

- a. Report on Early Implementers of the Teacher Evaluation System**
- b. Report on the Overlapping Outcomes of Community College Entrants in Illinois**
- c. Call for proposals for the 2013 Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium**

Holt stated that their 2013 Symposium will be held June 13th and 14th at the IHOTEL in Champaign. She asked that anyone who would like to do a presentation or poster submit proposals by March 1st.

I- Review of the January 23rd P-20 Meeting Agenda (Miguel del Valle)

Del Valle asked that everyone review the draft agenda. He indicated that the 2013 P-20 Council Report will be reviewed at the January meeting, and that it includes a few new recommendations which originated with P-20 committees.

J- Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge II Update (Julie Smith)

Hawley said that the overarching goal for the Early Learning Challenge Grant Application is to get the most high risk students into high quality early learning programs. By 2016, they hope to have 65% of

high needs students—defined as children whose household incomes are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and/or with special needs—having had at least one year of high quality services, and 40% having had at least two years, and 10% having had five full years. By 2021, they hope to have 80% of all kids and 65% of high needs students fully ready for kindergarten. They have no data on where we are in relation to those metrics, as they have no data on how many programs could be defined as “high quality” or how many students are currently enrolled in early childhood programs across the state. So, Hawley said there is a lot of work to be done. She stated that they are working to get early childhood data and are establishing seven learning labs across the state to establish early learning best practices.

K- Vote to make Elizabeth Gastelum OMA and FOIA officer for the P-20 Joint Education Leadership Committee

Lt. Governor Simon asked for a motion to establish Elizabeth Gastelum as OMA and FOIA officer for the P-20 Joint Education Leadership Committee. Koch motioned; Smith seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

L- Other business

Obrzut indicated that Karen Hunter Anderson will be taking over the duties of Elaine Johnson, who has retired from ICCB. Anderson’s new title will be Executive Vice President.

M- Next meeting will take place Thursday, February 14th at 1:30pm

N- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.