

**Redding Consortium for Educational Equity**  
**December 10, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome**

The Redding Consortium Co-Chairs, Senator Tizzy Lockman and Matthew Denn, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Consortium members did roll call using the zoom chat box function.

**Work Group Motions**

The three Work Group's reported their updates and motions to be voted on by the Redding Consortium members. The following were the approved motions from the Funding and Governance Work Group:

- Edit and finalize House Bill 129 (incorporating viable edits from Work Group members and stakeholders).
- Create and act on an engagement strategy to garner support for House Bill 129.
- Work with Consortium Co-Chairs to refile redistricting and governance legislation to formally allow the Consortium to work on governance efforts in 2021.

A Consortium member had a question regarding which community groups the Work Group engaged with and what feedback they received. The Work Group spoke with superintendents, school leaders, and parent groups, and received feedback on previous referendums.

The following is the approved motion from the Educator Work Group:

- The Educator Work Group motions for an approval of its recommendations as presented and allows the Educator Work Group Co-Chairs to work with the Redding Consortium Co-Chairs to finalize the recommendations to present to the Governor.

Consortium members recommended reaching out to schools outside Delaware that have done research on communities that mirror Delaware communities. Additionally, Consortium members recommended further information on the success of previous whole school professional learning packages.

The following is the approved motion from the Social Determinants Work Group:

- The Social Determinants Work Group motions for approval of the report and to allow the Social Determinants Co-Chairs to work with the Redding Consortium Co-Chairs to finalize the recommendations to present to the Governor.

Consortium members asked funding questions about the actual price of their recommendations. Additionally, a concern was raised for ensuring linguistically inclusive student assessments.

**The Consortium's 2021 Goals**

The full Consortium has the following goals for the upcoming year:

- Create an ad-hoc group focused on the funding settlement
- File new redistricting timeline legislation

- Assess the Consortium composition and Work Group continuations/focuses
- Finalize the data report on the status of public education for City of Wilmington students
- Create an annual report to the legislature

The Work Groups had the following goal for the upcoming year:

- Funding and Governance Work Group
  - Continue referendum reform legislation and engagement strategy
- Educator Work Group
  - Enact implementation and monitoring plans
- Social Determinants Work Group
  - Build on current proposals to create a full-scale plan with implementation strategies by July 2021

### **Public Comment**

Jason Heller stated that the Grow Our Own concept was great. He also stated that making school board terms shorter and adding a financial hardship to the process would deter individuals from running for a school board position, specifically diverse individuals.

Deborah Stevens stated that the Whole School Professional Learning Package recommendation needs to include securing school and district participation in the program. Mainly, the districts degree of commitment needs to be defined because it will be extremely difficult to get any work done if there is not cooperation. Additionally, Stevens suggested using research from other groups outside Delaware to help facilitate the program, such as Georgetown and Harvard.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

**Redding Consortium for Educational Equity**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

**Consortium Members:**

Matthew Denn, Co-Chair  
Elizabeth Lockman, Co-Chair  
Dierda Aikens  
Maria Amatos  
Aaron Bass  
Nnamdi Chuckwoucha  
James DeChene  
Dorrell Green  
Tika Hartsock  
Lincoln Holner  
Stephanie Ingram  
Joseph Jones  
Raye Jones Avery  
Jeffrey Menzer  
Noelle Picara  
Mike Purzycki  
Henry Smith  
Michael Smith  
Danya Woods  
Eugene Young

**IPA Staff Members:**

Abigail Armstrong  
Jason Bourke  
Chris Kelly  
Brendan Laux  
Jerome Lewis  
Fran O'Malley  
Cimone Philpotts  
Kelly Sherretz  
Alexis Wrease  
Haley Qaissaunee

**Members of the Public:**

Jenna Ahner  
Dawn Alexander  
Amanda Arch  
Susan Bunting  
Tammy Croce  
Jason Doughety

Kristin Dwyer  
Lisa Edler  
Emily Falcon  
Mehan Fuciarell  
Amy Gallagher  
Rick Geisenberger  
Patrice Gilliam  
Jay Green  
Jason Hale  
Roger Harrison  
Jason Heller  
Kristina Horton  
Laurie Jacobs  
Jamie Johnston  
Teri Lawler  
Chuck Longfellow  
Spiros Mantzavi  
John Marinucci  
Mark McKenzie  
Kelsey Mensch  
Mary Nash Wilson  
Audrey Noble  
Kirsten Olson  
Shanika Perry  
Kristin Pidgeon  
Senator Nicole Poore  
John Read  
Angeline Rive  
Lucinda Ross  
Shelly Rouser  
Yvette Sanchez  
Jon Sheehan  
James Simmons  
Henry Smith III  
Tamara Smith  
John Skrobot  
Senator David Sokola  
Deborah Stevens  
Jeff Taschner  
Representative Kim Williams  
Yasser Payne