

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity

Redding Planning Meeting

January 29, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Welcome

The virtual meeting started at 11:00 a.m., Co-chair of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity (Redding Consortium), Senator Tizzy Lockman, welcomed all in attendance.

Virtual press conference and forum on recommendations—2/5 at 11:00 a.m.

Lockman stated the weekly Friday planning meeting on February 5, 2021, would be cancelled in lieu of a Consortium press conference. She added this press conference would allow for a public conversation that highlights the Consortium's recommendations.

Work Group Updates

Chuck Longfellow, co-chair of the Settlement Work Group, explained the Work Group's scope and goals were discussed during their first meeting on January 25, 2021. He added the Work Group will review Governor Carney's budget proposal and upcoming legislation that pertains to the Delaware education equity lawsuit settlement. Longfellow stated he and co-chair Aaron Bass plan to schedule a meeting with the Funding and Governance Work Group leadership to determine how the Work Groups will collaborate to address systemic funding issues. The group discussed the various ways the Settlement and the Funding and Governance Work Group could work together without duplicating efforts.

Haley Qaissaanee, Institute of Public Administration (IPA staff), said the Funding and Governance Work Group had an internal meeting to determine their path forward. She explained that co-chair Representative Nnamdi Chukwuocha will meet with the General Assembly's House attorneys to incorporate the Work Group's feedback into the referendum reform bill. Qaissaanee added the co-chairs, Chukwuocha and Eugene Young are determining how the Work Group will address both funding and governance.

Jeff Menzer, co-chair of the Social Determinants Work Group stated the Work Group is meeting on February 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to develop a strategy that will promote their recommendations.

Representative Michael Smith, co-chair of the Educator Work Group is waiting to plan their next steps after Governor Carney's budget proposal.

Next Full Consortium Meeting Date—February 18, 2021, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Lockman reviewed the draft agenda for the full Consortium meeting on February 18, 2021 5:00-7:00 p.m. Qaissaanee asked Lockman for clarification on what proposed legislation the Consortium will examine. Lockman responded the Consortium can review legislation that may align with the goals of the Consortium and determine the appropriate action steps.

Public Engagement

Lockman said she will craft the responses to the questions raised during the last full Consortium meeting on December 13, 2020. Qaissaunee added the small meeting document should be ready soon for the Consortium members to add their notes. Lockman asked for a tutorial to use the document during the next planning meeting.

Public Comment

Amy Solomon suggested the Consortium garner partnerships with the business community to raise additional funding for the recommendations.

The meeting ended at 11:45 a.m.

Attendance

Consortium Members

Co-chair, Tizzy Lockman

Co-chair, Matthew Denn

Raye Jones Avery

Chuck Longfellow

Jeff Menzer

Michael Smith

Institute for Public Administration/Delaware State University Staff

Jason Bourke

Brendan Laux

Jerome Lewis

Fran O'Malley

Kelly Sherretz

Haley Qaissaunee

Alexis Wrease

Members of the Public:

Marjorie Green

Amy Solomon

Mary Ann Coe

Christy Gleason