

Washington State Special Education Advisory Council

February 5, 2015

Members Present: Andres Aguirre, Megan Bale, Lou Oma Durand, Cheryl Fernandez, Sherry Krainick, Rebecca Lockhart, Marcia Mongrain, Anne Shureen, Ann Waybright

Excused Absences: Shari Cotes, Carrie Fannin, Heather Hebdon, Nancy Pack

OSPI Staff: Doug Gill, Wendy Iwaszuk, Gil Mendoza, Sandy Benedetti

Minutes Taken By: Sandy Benedetti

Topic	Discussion	Action	Who/When	Completed
Legislative Meetings	SEAC members visited their legislators in the morning.			
Legislative Meetings Overview <i>Doug Gill</i>	Members shared their visits with legislators, what hearings they went to, and who they met with.			
Federal Update <i>Gil Mendoza</i>	<p>Gil Mendoza, Deputy Superintendent, gave the federal update. Gil talked about issues related to highly qualified teachers, and the status of reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) at the Congressional level.</p> <p>Out of the 295 school districts in Washington, 52 have newly-seated superintendents this year. Turnover will be an on-going issue. OSPI expects there will be an additional 50–70 newly-seated superintendents next year.</p> <p>Gil shared his participation in Ready WA which is a consortium of education groups and associations. He asked for input on how</p>	Send input to Gil Mendoza.	SEAC Committee	None Received.

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	<p>we communicate with parents and build better communication skills? Gil requested that the SEAC committee send him ideas and he will take them forward to the consortium.</p> <p>Gil also indicated that the new Smarter Balanced statewide testing this spring has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New threshold scores (cut scores). • New exit exams for high school students. • 11th grade assessment. <p>Sherry Krainick suggested partnering with the PTA to do training on common core and Smarter Balanced. Gil will get a list of questions from parents to OSPI for Sherry to take to the training.</p> <p>Gil's presentation included numerous opportunities for questions from SEAC members.</p>	<p>Gil Mendoza to get a list of questions from parents to OSPI for Sherry Krainick.</p>		<p>8/10/2015</p>
<p>SISEP <i>Wendy Iwaszuk</i></p>	<p>Wendy Iwaszuk presented a State Implementation & Scaling-up of Evidence-based Practices (SISEP) Quick Start Video: (https://unc-fpg-cdi.adobeconnect.com/a992899727/ai-lesson-quickstart/) and PowerPoint (Attachment #10).</p> <p>SISEP is a National Technical Assistance Center funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). SISEP assists states, school districts, and schools in applying implementation science through building sustainable implementation infrastructures.</p>			

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	<p>Washington is one of seven states involved in the project, and is currently working to develop demonstration sites in two regions of the state. The demonstration sites are known as transformation zones, and represent areas in which identified research-based practices will be implemented with fidelity to chart progress in improving academic outcomes for students that can be scaled-up for other regions in the state over a five year period.</p>			
Council Comments	<p>Cheryl Fernandez had a meeting with her legislator in the afternoon, and shared the results of her visit with SEAC members.</p>			
Evaluation of Meeting <i>Ann Waybright</i>	<p>Comments from committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Raub's and Wendy Iwaszuk's presentations were valuable. • Need presenters to allow more time for questions from SEAC members. • Having the legislative visit in the morning is great. • Meet with legislators during the year and report back at the next SEAC meeting. 			
Planning for SEAC's May 2015 Meeting <i>All Council</i>	<p>Council members asked for the following items to be added to the agenda for the May 2015 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit State School for the Deaf and State School for the Blind • Invite Wendy Iwaszuk back to hear more about SISEP. • Invite Valerie Arnold and Sandy Grummick back for an update on the Annual Performance Report. • Invite Scott Raub, Special Education 			

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	Parent & Community Liaison. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on current bills. 			
Meeting Adjourned	4:30 p.m.			