

Academic Standards Review Commission Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2014  
1:00-5:00PM  
116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom

Commissioners in attendance:

André Peek, Tammy Covil, Jeffrey Isenhour, Katie Lemons, Laurie McCollum, Ted Scheik, Bill obey, Olivia Oxendine & Ann Clark (by phone)

Absent:

Denise Watts & Jeannie Metcalf

**Meeting Called to Order:** Co-Chairman André Peek called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Minutes will be more summative to capture what was discussed versus attempting to capture portions of the actual discussion. Motion to approve minutes (with action items) unanimously approved.

The budget has been discussed with key legislators and the Commission is now properly funded.

**Review of District Surveys:** Report from Commission members Katie Lemons and Laurie McCollum.

Lemon's and McCollum's district (Stokes and Rockingham) teachers were emailed asking what they would like to be asked when it comes to Common Core Standards.

Email responses resulted that teachers would like to provide feedback on the following topics: how many hours of meaningful of professional development teachers have received; whether teachers are comfortable with standards; the knowledge of standards; number of standards and the pace; if standards are developmentally appropriate; how much access teachers have to materials; alignment with high quality assessments; how much time spending, locating, purchasing materials; knowledge on how state plans to assess the standards in their content area; how and if the standards are effecting teacher job satisfaction and job performance.

**Commissioners' Individual Priorities:** Members of the Commission shared their personal priorities regarding the charge of the Commission based on community input and research.

Personal priorities of the commission members included: simplifying the standards; ensuring the standards are developmental appropriate; flexibility for teachers and LEAs on implementing the standards; clarifying the standards; teacher training and professional development; alignment of standards and assessments; creating essential standards; clearer pacing of standards; decreasing the number of standards; focus on elementary reading standards; standards attainability for all students; defining College and Career Ready for standards; sequencing of standards; the

obtainment of communication skills through standards; execution of standards; how standards were rolled out and funded & parent interaction in standards.

**Commission's Priorities:** Commissioners approved the top three priorities, along with lead members, that would drive the charge of the group.

1. Simplify the standards: Tammy Covil, (ELA), Ted Scheik (Math)
2. Increase teacher and LEA flexibility: Katie Lemons
3. Ensure developmentally appropriateness of the standards: Jeff Isenhour, Olivia Oxendine

**Closing Items:** Members of the Commission addressed future suggestions and needs of the group.

Commission members want to confirm their work is not affecting the copyright of the Common Core Standards. The State Board of Education will present factual evidence in advance of the next commission meeting to clarify.

The Department of Public Instruction's Educator Survey will close on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Raw data from the survey will be available to the Commission immediately and qualitative data will be available in late January/early February.

Next meeting of the Commission will be Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 1:00-5:00PM in the Department of Administration (116 W. Jones Street Raleigh, NC) 5<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom.

**Adjournment:** Co-Chairman Peek adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.