Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, December 7, 2018 Claiborne State Office Building, Iowa Room, 1-153 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The December 7, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Mr. Shawn Fleming. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Katie Barras, Ms. Christina Conforto, Dr. Alan Coulter, Ms. Gina Easterly, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Supt. Kevin George, Mr. Raymond Jetson, Ms. Jill Lockhart, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Caroline Roemer, Ms. Cyndy Rutherford, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Judge Kim Stansbury, Ms. Ariel Test, and Ms. Debra Weinberg.

Ms. Brenda Cosse', Ms. Tamara Cupit, Ms. Tia Edwards, Mr. Dannie Garrett, Ms. Liz Gary, Ms. Melanie Jacobs, Mr. Victor Jones, Dr. Cassidy Juneau, Ms. Arielle McConduit, Mr. Michael Ortego, Mr. Al Simmons, and Ms. Gina Womack were absent.

Public comment was received from Mr. Frank Pasqua.

A motion was made by Ms. Rutherford to approve the October 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Polotzola seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved without objection.

A motion was made by Ms. Achord to nominate Mr. Schlicher for chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rutherford. No other nominations were received. The motion for Mr. Schlicher to become chair in February, 2019 was approved without objection.

A motion was made by Mr. Jetson to move the Louisiana Department of Education presentation focused on competitive grant funding for school systems identified as urgent intervention required to the February, 2019 meeting. Ms. Rutherford seconded and all approved without objection.

Ms. Barras gave the council an update on the departments work on behavioral intervention and alternative education.

A motion was made by Judge Stansbury to recommend that the Louisiana Department of Education continue to evaluate and revise the Alternative Education plan on a periodic basis and report their findings to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roemer and all approved without objection.

A motion was made by Ms. Weinberg to recommend that the Louisiana Department of Education continue analyzing data of subgroups in Alternative Education (special education students, English Language learners, low income students and minority students) and to address any disparities as needed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Coulter and all approved without objection.

The council recessed at noon to breakout into workgroups.

The council returned from workgroup sessions and Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM due to a lack of quorum.