

**Minutes of the Oklahoma Standards
Steering Committee Meeting**

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The Oklahoma Standards Steering Committee met for an update and review of current English Language Arts and Mathematics Writing Standards Team's progress at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK. The agenda and informational materials were available for all attendees.

Members of the Steering Committee present:

Joy Hofmeister, Chair of the Steering Committee
Glen Johnson, Chancellor of Higher Education
Cindy Koss, Deputy State Superintendent, Academic Affairs
Marcie Mack, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
Barbara Bayless, Educator
Elaine Hutchison, Educator

Members of the Steering Committee not present:

Cathryn Franks, State Board of Education
Deby Snodgrass, Secretary of Commerce and Tourism
Gen. Lee Baxter, State Board of Education
Don Raleigh, Superintendent of Pryor Public Schools
Mautra Jones, Parent Representative

Also present:

Bill Radke, Executive Director
Jennifer Watson, Co-Chair for English Language Arts Standards
Matt Hollrah, Co-Chair for English Language Arts Standards
Stacey Weinand, Co-Chair for Mathematics Standards
Levi Patrick, State Department of Education Director of Secondary Mathematics
Dionne Mock, Recording Secretary

Opening Remarks:

Superintendent Hofmeister called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. She called attention to the agenda and requested a motion to approve the May 19th Steering Committee Meeting Minutes. Chancellor Johnson ~~motioned approval~~ moved to approve and Elaine Hutchison seconded the motion. The May 19th minutes were approved. Thereafter, the meeting was turned over to Dr. Radke.

Dr. Radke spoke about the current work accomplished so far by the Mathematics and English Language Arts Teams and the outside resources involved in reviewing the drafts. Initial input has been collected from the Department of Commerce, Career and Technology Education, Higher Education Faculty, and the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Metro Teaching and Learning Consortium. He mentioned the meeting hosted by Levi Patrick which enlisted 40 members of the Math Consortia and Oklahoma ~~Counsel~~ Council of Teachers of Mathematics in preparation for the second draft review.

In addition, Dr. Radke announced the first major public review will be held at the EngageOK Conference, July 7th-9th at the Cox Convention Center. ~~There, an~~ An Oklahoma Academic Standards Town Hall is scheduled for July 7th, 5:30pm-7pm and on July 8th, there will be sessions presented by Co-Chairs for English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards Writing Teams. Ongoing opportunities will be available throughout the EngageOK Conference for stakeholders to respond to a computerized online survey of the latest drafts. The Draft Standards survey link will also be sent to stakeholder groups throughout the State including the State Chamber of Commerce, Early Childhood Groups, school Counselors and to undergraduate teaching faculty in Science Technology Engineering and Math and English Language Arts disciplines.

Dr. Hollrah and Dr. Watson – Co-chairs for English Language Arts Writing Team

Dr. Hollrah shared an update on the current status of the ELA Standards. Prior comments from reviewers were considered and many incorporated in the standards. Aligning 4th-5th grades were hinging on progression of skill levels which currently represents a challenge. He explained the handout referencing college/career readiness. An important goal is to create charts by grade levels to assist teachers in planning and facilitation.

Barbara Bayless commented positively on the 21st Century skill level she sees throughout the ELA Standards.

Stacey Weinand – Co-Chair for Mathematics Writing Team

Levi Patrick – SDE Director of Secondary Mathematics

Ms. Weinand informed the committee of the achievements of the team. She stated that they have constructed college and career ready standards, accomplished vertical alignment, incorporated several comments from preliminary reviews and are pleased with the current draft. Their work is ready for the next review. Their current focus is on meeting legislative requirements and the search for ideas/samples as guides embedded within the standards. She appreciates the feedback from the last review session organized by Levi Patrick.

Mr. Patrick provided information about the July 1st meeting with 40 teachers representing 27 different school districts; all of whom were either a part of the Oklahoma ~~Counsel Council~~ of Teachers for Mathematics or Oklahoma Math Consortia. The consensus was positive; starting in Pre-K is imperative and that teachers want standards that are...

- Simple to understand
- Present opportunities for depth
- Have strong progressions

The Math Team is anticipating many comments during and after the EngageOK Conference. They want each district in Oklahoma to be represented.

Stacey Weinand shared that the Math Standards are about to undergo the next draft. She presented a formal request to add additional standards at the high school level; ~~that is, Standards-standards~~ that cover Statistics, Pre-calculus or some type of senior year mathematics course - - especially for students who have no interest in going beyond Algebra II. She said that Process and Content Skills are placed in adjacent columns in the Draft for easier use. Currency was a strong need mentioned in the reviews so they added concepts starting in Pre-K.

Elaine Hutchison responded to the vertical progressions and consistency in bridging gaps and is pleased to see what's happening with the standards.

Superintendent Hofmeister requested input from ~~Director Marcie~~ Mack as to how she views the standard's representation for college and career readiness.

~~Director Marcie~~ Mack responded that industry interests and career ready components are well-~~encrypted-represented~~ into the standards.

Barbara Bayless stated that from an elementary perspective, the authenticity of the skill levels is evident in the standards. She stated that it's nice to see the application more visible than before. Students need to learn how to apply what they know.

Dr. Radke indicated the diversity of skills represented in the standards and how impressed he is with the Co-Chairs knowledge, passion and commitment to ~~producing~~ produce quality standards.

Dr. Koss ~~addressed the committee about~~ shared the FAQ's for English language arts and mathematics including and the legislation ~~involved concerning the inception~~ requiring new of Oklahoma's ~~New~~ ELA and Math Standards. She discussed timelines and overviews of draft revisions. Effective communication is paramount - - updates will come periodically as the Drafts continue to evolve ~~into their final form~~. She reiterated conference information and displayed a business card with OCR-QR codes on the back ~~for use at the~~ to allow access to complete ~~computer kiosks for those completing~~ the surveys.

Closing Remarks:

Chancellor Johnson praised the layout of the standards and quality of information given: by the co- chairs and the FAQ's by Dr. Koss.

Superintendent Hofmeister wanted to make sure that everyone knew what documents would be online for review and they are:

- Surveys of DRAFT Standards for English language arts and Mathematics
- Current Draft of Standards
- FAQ's

She expressed tremendous gratitude for the dedication and hard work of the ELA and Mathematics Teams. She thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2pm.

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