

School Safety Technical Assistance Council

Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

3 - 5 p.m.

Minnesota Department of Education
Conference Center A, Room 13

Members Present: Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner Kevin Lindsey, Tom DeGree, Melissa Callahan, Amanda Twite, Jake Ross, Bill Wyss, Randy Johnson, Lisa Engelstad, Jon Hunt, Timothy Mulrooney, Cathy Miller and Darren Kermes.

Members Unable To Attend: Angela Willms, Julie Hertzog, Beth Ness, Danny Porter and Jeanne Swanson.

MDE Staff Present: Josh Collins, Patty Mattern, Kevin McHenry, Heather Hirsch, Amy Marsicano, Brooke Stelzer, Nancy Riestenberg and Craig Wethington.

- I. Welcome and Call to Order - Commissioner Brenda Cassellius.
- II. Approval of November 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved.
- III. School Safety Technical Assistance Center Director Report – Director Craig Wethington provided an update on the center’s past six month activities, which included hosting the 2017 Safe and Supportive Schools Conference, providing 46 trainings to schools and fielding 65 phone calls from families around issues of bullying and school safety. He also mentioned upcoming trainings.
- IV. Old Business
 - a) Workgroup Updates
 - i. Social Emotional Learning Resource Guide – The workgroup has completed draft learning goals and sample activities. Work has started on developing assessment, professional development and implementation resources. The combined resources are planned to be completed by August 2017.
 - ii. Gender Inclusion Resource Toolkit – Assistant Commissioner Kevin McHenry introduced the toolkit and Amy Marsicano provided an overview of the sections. Commissioners Brenda Cassellius and Kevin Lindsey took comments from council members and the public. The council agreed to review the guide in May and reconvene towards the end of June for more discussion and approval.
- V. New Business

a) Measuring Impact of the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act – Tabled for next meeting.

VI. Adjourned at 5 p.m.

VII. 2017 Council Meeting Dates:

- June meeting TBD
- August 29
- November 7