

Minnesota Nonpublic Education Council Meeting Minutes June 7, 2019

Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)
Conference Center A, Rooms 1 and 2

Nonpublic Education Council Members Present: Susie Brooks, Karla Cross, Cindy Kravik, Sarah Mueller (via conference call), Shawn Peterson, Linda Lopez, Ferdinand Mabeya, Bob Klindworth, Gale Cannon, Carol Rudie, Barbara Washington, Kelly Kausel.

Nonpublic Education Council Members Absent: Tim Benz, John Bedell, Pamela von Gohren,

MDE Staff Present: Cindy Jackson, Paula Higgins, Debra Landvik, Greg Sogaard, Elizabeth Stoneburg

Community Members Present: Susan Bower, Minnesota State Demographer

- I. **Full Council Convenes**
 - a. Bob Klindworth called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.
- II. **Review draft agenda and March meeting minutes**
 - a. Motion made to approve the agenda by Shawn Peterson and seconded by Karla Cross. Motion approved.
 - b. Motion made to approve March meeting minutes by Linda Lopez and seconded by Karla Cross. Motion approved.
 - c. Upcoming appointment expirations: Gale Cannon, October 19, 2019.
- III. **MDE Update**, Cindy Jackson, MDE
 - a. February 21, 2020 Nonpublic Education Conference update
 - i. At this time, Stephanie Graff is set to present in Debra's absence.
 - b. Home School Q and A
 - i. MDE worked with divisions throughout MDE to update the Home School Q and A. A paper copy of the DRAFT Home School Q and A was presented to the council. An electronic copy of the DRAFT Home School Q and A will be emailed with the minutes. Council members can email feedback/edits to Cindy and Paula by Friday, July 12, 2019.
- IV. **Minnesota Demographics**, Susan Bower, Minnesota State Demographer
 - a. Presentation materials will be emailed to council members with the minutes.
 - b. Additional resources discussed:
 - i. Additional data available on [Minnesota State Demographic Center](#)
 - ii. Report for Review: Find *The economic status of Minnesotans 2018* at mn.gov/demography.
 - iii. [Minnesota Deed](#)
 - iv. [Minnesota Deed Data Center](#)
 - v. Paula will see if Susan is available to present at Nonpublic Education Conference in February 2020.
- V. **Legislative Update**, Shawn Peterson

- a. Opportunity Scholarship Program for lower and middle-income kids was pushed and alive in the special session; however, the administration was unwilling to accept opportunity scholarships as part of the final agreement.
- b. Textbook aid change for teacher manuals and materials included in the textbook definition.
- c. The K-6 counseling change was not approved. Shawn would like to push this next year because mental health counseling is necessary.
- d. Increase in per pupil funding starting FY 20.
- e. Compulsory instruction age did not change. Cheryl Youakim, representative and chair of House Education Policy Committee proposed the change.
- f. Fought against comprehensive sex education and the bill did not pass.
- g. Attempted to have a bill to have school safety funding for nonpublic schools but it did not pass. Will continue to push for this for next year.

VI. Title Programs, Debra Landvik Letendre, MDE

- a. Title IV payments are delayed due to problem with MDE's State Educational Record View and Submission (SERVS) system.
- b. Debra emphasized the money from Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) must be used for services where needs that are data-identified.
- c. Debra is retiring today from state service. Until her position is filled, [Stephanie Graff](#), (651-582-8242), MDE Director of Equity and Opportunity, is contact. Council members thanked Debra with a standing ovation for her assistance to them for many years.
- d. [MDE's website](#) has several new resources including:
 - i. Nonpublic Title II Needs Assessment and Professional Development Plan, which is a tool that districts may use to ensure the nonpublic school's Title II program meets requirements.
 - ii. District Timeline for Nonpublic School Title Programs, which is a sample resource for districts working with nonpublic schools with Title II programs.
 - iii. International Students Holding F1 Visas and Federal Title Program, which clarifies questions districts have about serving students studying in the United States on F1 visas.

VII. Nonpublic Pupil Aids, Greg Sogaard, MDE

- a. General education allowance increased so textbooks rates will be recalculated. Cindy will send out
- b. Expanded definition to textbook materials to include teacher manuals.
- c. Multiyear subscriptions to online books are now okay. The language mentioning annual subscription cost will be deleted next session.
- d. New numbers will be released on June 14.
- e. Reach Greg at 651-582-8858 or greg.sogaard@state.mn.us.

VIII. Fact Finding and Mediation, Liz Stoneburg, MDE

- a. Please see attached presentation materials.

IX. Accrediting Committee, Bob Klindworth

- a. Recommend extending accreditation of National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) for 6 months to allow for an onsite visit to St. Louis. Motion Cindy Kravik, Shawn Peterson seconded. Approved by all.
- b. Document revisions—email revisions to [Bob Klindworth](#) and the committee will review.
- c. Set accrediting association visits for next academic year: the Council decided to table this until September council meeting.

X. Other Business

- a. Set Nonpublic Education Council meeting dates for upcoming academic year
 - i. September 13, 2019
 - ii. January 10, 2020
 - iii. March 20, 2020

iv. June 12, 2020

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

- a. Motion for adjournment made by Carol Rudie and seconded by Cindy Kravik Motion approved.