

Alaska's Education Challenge
August 22nd, 2017
Modernization and Finance Committee

In Attendance:

Bob Whicker (FACILITATOR)
Sue Hull (Co-Chair)
James Fields (Co-Chair)
Jessica Cook
Michael Partlow
Luke Fulp
Cheryl Frasca
Jennifer Johnston
Katrina Church-Chmielowski

Tammy Van Wyhe
Alexei Painter
Tim Navarre
Rick Luthi
Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sam Jordan (STAFF)
Mindy Lobaugh (STAFF)
Jerry Covey (STAFF)

Housekeeping:

- Reviewed remaining AK Education Challenge timeline
- Reviewed logistics for October 4th face to face meeting in Anchorage (committee members will receive meeting and travel information from Erin Hardin)
- Reviewed option to invite outside presenters and a decision was made by facilitator and co-chair staff that this would not be a good use of remaining time together. Need to focus in on recommendations. Focus on the 'what' not the 'how'.

Our Goal for Today:

1. Discuss and make recommendations to the draft recommendations and action steps for each affinity group.
2. Confirm the addition of a recommendation 4 based on a statewide infrastructure for innovation and continuous improvement
3. Identify redundancies in recommendations and consider solutions.
4. Confirm next steps for the committee for our last Sept. meeting.

Group discussion: Personalization recommendations and action steps

- Reviewed the definition. Recommendation to change to 'personalization of learning'
- Reviewed accompanying action steps. Decision to remove 'guidance' sections, as it goes too far into the 'how'. Recommendation to provide as context information to DEED when final recommendation are submitted.
- General consensus that recommendations in this category are not final. A SmartSheet addition will be made to capture additional suggestions from committee before next meeting.

Group discussion: Enabling Resources recommendations

- Reviewed the definition.
- Discussion about the nature of 'resources' and data.
- Recommendation to include student school climate survey as a resource to better understand the experience of students with informed data.
 - Discussion that this work may covered by the safety and well-being committee.
 - Co-chair Sue Hull will work with committee members to add a bullet under definition
- General suggestion by Jerry Covey that the overall committee focus on clarity, reducing redundancy within recommendations, as much as possible.

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- Commitment from moderator, co-chair and DEED staff to look through recommendation before next meeting with an eye for redundancies.

Group discussion: Systemic Collaboration recommendations

- This recommendation is about the engine for collaboration
- Opinion expressed that this recommendation somehow speak to both modernization and finance aspects of our committee.
- Opinion that this recommendation be concise, with action steps
- Opinion that this recommendation focus down on the classroom level as much as possible.
- Opinion that this recommendation focus on partnerships across and outside of schools and classrooms.
- Recommendation that the concept of induction into systemic collaborations be considered (e.g. mentoring for administrators into process of systemic collaboration that takes place across years). May help with administrator retention and connection across the state.
- An observation was made by Bob how the world is “flattening” out when it comes to systems, i.e. Facebook.

Group Discussion: Infrastructure Recommendation

- Jerry Covey reiterated that we focus on the foundation of the “modern structure” first and the rest will emerge further down the road.

Next steps:

- Bob will put a section into SmartSheet for continued honing of recommendations. Please submit suggestions/revisions before September meeting.
- Review the work that is posted and;
- Finalize the recommendations.

Literature/Resources Discussed:

- [Seminar Series 204: Choosing the Wrong Drivers for Whole System Reform](#). – Michael Fullan

Next Meeting:

Changed to support teachers that would be unable to attend at the original scheduled time on September 18th, 2017. The meeting is now scheduled for 3:30-6:30pm (website and LIO arrangements will need to be adjusted)