

**P-20 Council Meeting Notes  
February 10, 2020**

Marion E. Proffitt Training Center  
Appoquinimink School District  
118 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Odessa, DE 19730

Members Present: Susan Bunting, Madeleine Bayard, Jeff Gibson, Stephanie Ingram, Shawn Larrimore, Kendall Massett, John Pelesko, Michael Quaranta, Justina Sapna, Kimberley Sudler, and Jim Wilson.

Others Present: Jenna Ahner, Kathleen Smith, Shana Payne, Monica Gant, Luke Rhine, Kim Krzanowski, Lisa Peel.

**I. Welcome and Objectives**

Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education and Co-Chair of the P-20 Council, called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm.

Dr. Bunting provided an overview of the agenda and outlined objectives for the meeting.

**II. Approval of December 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bunting presented the draft minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting. There were no proposed changes or additions to the minutes from members in attendance.

There was a lack of quorum necessary to approve the minutes. This item will be brought forward for action at a future meeting.

**III. P-20 Council and Subcommittee Updates**

Dr. Monica Gant, Delaware Department of Education (DDOE), provided the status of the recommendations from the Committees to Reduce Math and ELA remediation. Dr. Gant highlighted that DDOE is supporting districts in selecting and adopting high-quality instructional materials. She also shared an update on the timeline for the completing the College Success Reports and opportunities to identify research questions for future analyses.

Ms. Ahner shared that the Educator Supports for Early Literacy through IHEs Subcommittee completed its work in developing recommendations on teacher preparation and professional development at its final meeting on January 27, 2020. They have a set of 11 recommendations that are scheduled to be brought to P-20 Council at the April 6 meeting.

In order to assist in communicating information regarding work underway across our organizations, a monthly email will be sent to highlight data, news, events, and resources. Please email content or recommendations to [jenna.ahner@sbe.k12.de.us](mailto:jenna.ahner@sbe.k12.de.us).

Madeleine Bayard, member and Chair of the Early Childhood Council, presented an update on the work underway for the Preschool Development Grant and updates on the development of the Early Childhood Council's strategic plan. Ms. Bayard shared that potential next steps for the P-20 Council will be brought forward for discussion at a future meeting. Council members asked how resources for parents are being considered in the plan.

#### **IV. Discussion on College and Career Readiness and Success: Current Programs and Partnerships, Challenges, and Areas for Input**

Mr. Luke Rhine, Director, Career and Technical Education Office, DDOE, and Ms. Shana Payne, Director of Higher Education, DDOE shared information on the projects intended to create stronger alignment between the K-12 system and Institutions of Higher Education (IHE). Key focus areas included 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Readiness and Post-Secondary Success.

Ms. Payne provided an overview of the Student Success Plan and the Postsecondary Advisement plans. She discussed the opportunities provided to students and districts through these plans. Council members discussed how the plans have helped to identify gaps and potential training opportunities. Council members discussed opportunities to help support parents in coaching children on college and career goals. Members discussed outcomes measures and success measures for the plans.

Council members asked questions regarding availability of dual enrollment programs statewide, and the need for students to have a minimum level of ELA and Math proficiency in order to successfully complete dual enrollment coursework. Members discussed the need to better understand the gaps or challenges related to dual enrollment.

Ms. Payne also shared information about the Delaware Student Success Collaborative. The Council discussed how DDOE can support and also help create partnerships to support schools. Members asked if additional staffing is available to schools in the Collaborative, how the community partners were chosen and what their role is, and whether there was a plan to add more districts and charter schools. Members discussed the process for how military branches, particularly the National Guard, make opportunities known to students. Ms. Payne and Mr. Rhine shared that they are actively discussing how to most effectively share materials on college and career readiness with schools and districts.

Mr. Rhine addressed items underway to expand work-based learning (WBL) opportunities, including curriculum development, employer signaling, and working with cohorts of schools. Council members asked about the timing for this in a student's junior or senior year, what types of employers participate, how DDOE is learning from schools that are doing this well, and how geographical limitations of WBL are addressed.

The Council discussed that role it can play in communicating best practices around 12<sup>th</sup> grade readiness and supporting necessary policy changes as the learning occurs. Members discussed the usefulness of labor market information in informing education providers about what skills are needed in the workplace. Council members inquired about the involvement of stakeholders, and discussed soft skills in light of prevalence of AI technology.

Ms. Payne and Mr. Rhine presented an update on the College Success Report which will include readiness and post-secondary performance. The report is scheduled to be ready by June 2020, but the exact release date is to be determined. The Council discussed its role in planning and the release of the report and communications of the results. Members discussed how the document would inform decisions and improve outcomes in student success.

Ms. Payne provided an overview of committee work on dual enrollment led by the Higher Education Office. Members inquired about the timeline for launch of course database and about participation in programs. Dr. Pelesko of the University of Delaware explained the University's initiative for a dual enrollment program which will be launched in the fall of 2020.

Mr. Rhine shared an overview of career pathways and next steps for the Draft Perkins State Plan. Mr. Rhine also shared information about the development and implementation of the custom transcript for career pathways. Questions were asked about the common transcript template, and communications with school chiefs regarding adoption. The Council discussed how it can support student attainment of articulated

college credit through admissions and administrative records exchange and what role the Council should play in helping to define industry credentials of value and related articulation agreements.

**V. Updates from P-20 Council Members**

Dr. Jeff Gibson shared that Wesley College's partnership with DDOE on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant in partnership with the Capital School District is going well. He also shared information regarding a potential partnership for after-school programs with a focus on STEM.

**VI. Next Steps and Adjournment**

Dr. Bunting thanked participants for their time. The next meeting of the P-20 Council is scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 2:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.