

Redding Consortium for Education Equity

Redding Planning Meeting

July 24, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome

The virtual meeting began at 10:30 a.m. Co-chair of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity (Redding Consortium), Tizzy Lockman welcomed the attendees and explained the agenda for the planning meeting.

Redding Consortium Meeting, August 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Lockman requested that everyone review and provide final thoughts on the agenda for the full Redding Consortium Meeting on August 13 from 5:00 –7:00 p.m. Haley Qaissaunee, Institute of Public Administration (IPA) staff, went through each agenda item. Qaissaunee explained that the Co-chairs Lockman and Matthew Denn, will address the need to adjust the redistricting timeline. She added that Jim Simmons, the Chief Equity Officer of the Department of Education's Office of Equity and Innovation, agreed to speak about his role, department, and provide greater transparency on the CARES Act funding. Monique Martin has yet to confirm her ability to facilitate the Consortium's conversation about equity. Tika Harstock offered to follow up with Martin.

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Next Redding Consortium Meetings

Lockman stated that the next Redding Consortium meetings will take place in October and December. After conversation, she requested that a poll be sent to the members for them to choose between October 22 or October 29 and December 10 or December 17.

Work Group Updates

Sherretz provided updates from the Educator Work Group meeting on July 21. She explained that new educators have been added to the work group. The work group decided to focus on two recommendations:

- Grow your own programs
- Professional development model

She added that homework will be sent out to the work group members on their plans to engage stakeholders. O'Malley stated that a formal update will be sent to the full Consortium.

Matthew Denn, Redding Consortium Co-chair, reported on the Social Determinants Work Group July 23 meeting. He explained there have been no suggestions to change the Work Group's name. He also stated that the work group's main challenge will be deciding the areas of focus to accomplish deliverables by the end of the year.

Redistricting Work Group Co-Chair, Nnamdi Chukwuocha said the Work Group will meet on August 6. He also stated that they will be inviting the Chief Financial Officers of the districts to become members of the work group. The areas the Work Group intends to focus on include:

- The New Castle County Tax District
- Referendum Reform
- The CARES Act and the Opportunity Funding

Research Underway

Lockman stated that she and Denn have received the budget and scope of work and are in the process of reviewing it.

Public Comment

Kyle Sheppard introduced himself and explained his work with the Urban League and the Wilmington Advisory Committee. He suggested that for the conversation around equity and anti-racism that each work group discuss how inequity impacts their area of focus. He added that the work groups send their responses prior to the meeting, and during the full Consortium meeting with the conversation focused on solution rather than the principles of equity and anti-racism.

The meeting ended 11:09 a.m.

Attendees

Consortium Members

Co-chair, Tizzy Lockman

Co-chair, Matthew Denn

Nnamdi Chukwuocha

Eugene Young

Tika Harstock

Institute for Public Administration/Delaware State University Staff

Darren Blackston

Jason Bourke

Sarah Bruch

Fran O'Malley

Jerome Lewis

Joseph Pika

Haley Qaissaunee

Dan Rich

Kelly Sherretz

Alexis Wrease

Members of the Public:

Kyle Sheppard

