

MEETING SUMMARY

JOINT MEETING
OF THE
HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION

Friday, July 13, 2018
9:00 A.M.

Rogers High School, 2300 S. Dixieland Road, Room 1183
Rogers, Arkansas

Representative Bruce Cozart, the Chair of the House Interim Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: *Senators:* Jane English, Chair; Joyce Elliott, Vice Chair; Linda Chesterfield; and Jim Hendren.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: *Representatives:* Bruce Cozart, Chair; Charlotte V. Douglas, Vice Chair; Sonia E. Barker; Jana Della Rosa; Jon S. Eubanks; Grant Hodges; Nelda Speaks; and Dan Sullivan.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATTENDANCE: *Senator:* Trent Garner; *Representatives:* Bob Ballinger; Jim Dotson; Trevor Drown; Austin McCollum; Rebecca Petty; and Donald Ragland.

Representative Cozart welcomed members and guests to a brief meeting of the Education Committees prior to the start of the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) Conference at Rogers High School.

Mr. Charles Lee, Assistant Superintendent for General Administration, Rogers Public Schools, was recognized, and presented an overview of Rogers High School. He thanked legislators for their commitment to the PLC process and to education in Arkansas. Mr. Lee introduced **Mr. Jim Davis**, Principal, Rogers Heritage High School.

Update on the Implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at Rogers High School

Presenter:

Dr. Lewis Villines, Principal, Rogers High School, Rogers School District, was recognized. Dr. Villines took a moment to describe his diverse background in Arkansas education. He first showed a video featuring commentary by teachers on the PLC at Work™ program. Dr. Villines next discussed the journey made by Rogers High School to become a PLC. He covered Why Apply, covering the changing student dynamic, extreme needs at the school, and providing equitable educational opportunities to all students. He continued with Reflections of New Learning, covering professional growth for leaders and staff, empowering teachers, and improving student performance. He concluded with Results, establishing clarity in mission, vision, goals, and collective commitments; deepening teachers' understanding of a collaborative culture; and sharing learning with other schools and states. He provided charts with 9th Grade Test Results 2018, and 10th Grade Test Results 2018, showing student improvements. Dr. Villines said participation in the PLC at Work™ project has provided the most impact on Arkansas education he has seen in his 25 years as an educator.

Contributor to the Discussion:

Ms. Tina Smith, Director, Policy and Special Projects, Arkansas Department of Education

Issues Included in the Discussion:

- reconciling differences in opinions on requirements for attendance and soft skills,
- giving students “a sense of efficacy,” and encouraging them to try,
- effect of grading system, averaging, and learning curve, and
- students achieving a standard.

PowerPoint Presentation:

A Snapshot of Rogers High School’s PLC At Work™ Journey

Handout:

Handout #1 – A Snapshot of Rogers High School’s PLC At Work™ Journey

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Monday, August 20, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 151 of the State Capitol, Little Rock (*Joint Education*)

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 151 of the State Capitol, Little Rock (*Adequacy*)

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 151 of the State Capitol, Little Rock (*Academic Facilities*)

Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 151 of the State Capitol, Little Rock (*Legislative Task Force on Workforce Education Excellence*)

Adjournment:

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. in order to reconvene at 9:45 a.m. for the Keynote Speech at the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) Conference at Rogers High School.

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