

WACTE Deans' and Directors' meeting – October 25, 2017

Members of the meeting introduced themselves

Patrick Sexton, WACTE president, gave an overview of the agenda. Under discussion is a webinar 101 for new deans so that we keep the organization as a learning organization, not just a policy organization.

WACTE will look into its possible role in the naming of the new PESB Executive Director. The institutions have developed a positive relationship with the PESB staff as members have been attending PESB meeting and Nick's and Amy's visiting each institution relative to the indicator model.

With the legislative changes, WACTE needs to engage with all other professional education groups.

Patrick thanked the institutional IR's for their prompt responses to the questions on innovative programs posed by the legislature. He reminded each institution that it should have a designated IR and a backup for prompt responses to questions, especially during the legislative sessions.

Michaela Miller, OSPI, gave an overview of new legislation and its impact on the system. ESSA moves the educational community away from NCLB. The science expectation for passing the end of course assessment will pause for three years until enough data is collected. New accountability will exist for districts including emphasis on English Language learners, attendance, and on-track graduation rates. OSPI is working with the State Board to refine processes for meeting the new expectations. There also exists an emphasis on special education preparation for general education teachers to meet the demand. The purpose of ESSA is to identify the lowest 5% of low performing schools and identify districts with specific targeted areas. The focus schools will receive additional funding. Most of these schools are targets in the area of Special Education. There will also be support for native populations with the continued development of the Time Immemorial curriculum.

With new legislation, districts will negotiate new salary schedules individually. OSPI has a salary grid workgroup that will create models, but districts do not have to use those models. This group will report to the legislature on December 1 regarding their work. The staff mix in the State Allocation model will not be available and districts are concerned about not receiving extra money for employing veteran teachers. There will also be consideration for salary by region based on assessed home values. Most feel that districts will probably remain close to the state model. The lowest salary will be \$40,000 and the highest \$90,000. At 5 years, a teacher's salary will have to increase by 10%. The National Board certification will remain a separate stipend. The legislature will be reporting to the court regarding its progress in meeting McCleary, and then the court will decide whether to continue its supervision.

The WACTE Deans and Directors accepted Yakima Valley College into membership.

The Deans and Directors discussed their concern about the proliferation of so many programs. WACTE needs to publish its expectations regarding the expectations for membership.

The Deans and Directors expressed their appreciation for the PESB visits to each institution by Nick and Amy and, they wish to sustain the tone established. Institutions are concerned that too much data is being collected for which the institutions need not be accountable. What data actually needs to be collected for program improvement? The institutions also wish to emphasize the importance of context regarding possible red flags. The Deans and Directors encourage WACTE and the PESB in collaboration continue to explore the truly important indicators.

WACTE will work with the ERDC to develop systems to be used by various entities including higher education, P-12, and the workforce. Each institutions would control its own data, and anyone wishing to use the data would need to seek permission. Patrick has met with Melissa Beard of the ERDC to begin discussing the format of the governance structure.

Bob Cooper has been working to formulate a Day on the Hill with the legislature on January 23. There is enough funding in the grant from AACTE to enable one representative to attend. Thanks go to Bob and Joyce for writing and submitting the grant.