

MINUTES

Land of Sky P20 Council: Joint Executive Committee & Steering Committee

February 17, 2023: 10-11 AM

Present:

Dr. Michael Dempsey, Dr. Joseph Fox (Contractor), Dr. John Gossett, Dr. Laura Leatherwood, Dr. Gene Loflin, Greg Lowe, Dr. Jeff Moorhouse (Guest), Emily Nicholson (Staff), Nathan Ramsey

Minutes:

- Mrs. Nicholson started the meeting. Mr. Lowe welcomed attendees and then passed facilitation back to Mrs. Nicholson.
- Mrs. Nicholson shared the agenda on her screen.
- Mrs. Nicholson provided brief updates about the meeting held before this one that involved all of four superintendents, one assistant superintendent, our CFNC regional representative (Devon McCarthy-James) and our myFutureNC representative (Tracie Metz). The meeting was focused on FAFSA in our K12 schools and opinions about requiring the FAFSA as a graduation requirement. She shared with members that the consensus was not in favor of this but that there was interest in continuing the conversation to increase our regional completion rates. That would be held in April and she would keep the executive committee informed.
- Mrs. Nicholson moved to the second agenda item. She provided the most updated policy brief that included legislative priorities updated from the full Council meeting. She stated that she and committee were seeking input on ideas to publicize the policy brief once completely finished. There were no suggestions provided. She stated that the next steps were to assign an estimated funding for each; vet identified priorities with local org's; and to finalize advocacy toolkit for council members to reference.
- Mrs. Nicholson shared the next agenda item in which Dr. Fox provided an update on. This pertains to the case study requested by our John M. Belk partners. He shared the most recent version and welcomed their input. There was a question about how this was different than the playbook that Mrs. Nicholson also recently developed at the request of the Belk partners. Both Mrs. Nicholson and Dr. Fox shared that the case study showcases the genesis and highlights regional successes whereas the playbook offers a step-by-step process for other collaboratives' in the state to reference should they wish to develop a similar cohort.
- Mrs. Nicholson shared with the team that a new Learning Engineer began Monday and will be assisting with KPI's (sources, software, etc.) and will be paid through our ncimpact partners. Dr. Dempsey noted that he was excited this came to fruition.
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- Mrs. Nicholson shared that there has been interest in a future local educational summit. Dr. Leatherwood shared that she would like to see a vision for this before a decision. Dr. Fox and Mrs. Nicholson agreed to put this together and share at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: March 17, 2023