

Meeting Minutes – Dec. 3, 2018
Census-Based Funding Advisory Group
Professional Learning Sequence Sub-Committee

Present: Jeff Francis, Nicole Mace, Mill Moore, Jay Nichols, Lisa Bisbee, AOE staff members

1. Elections

Jay Nichols was elected to chair the subcommittee. Mill Moore was elected to be minute-taker.

2. Confirm Charge of Subcommittee

Subcommittee members reviewed the formal charge and agree to its substance.

3. Reaction to AOE Presentation to Full Advisory Group

Committee members discussed the recent successful experience with Act 46 implementation as assisted by the Vermont School Boards Association and Vermont Superintendents Association. Those organizations hosted regional meetings throughout the state and provided support materials to affected school districts. AOE staff present agreed this was a useful model and engaged with sub-committee members in discussion of how the AOE could adapt this model could to implementation of the Census-Based Funding program.

4. Identify Next Steps and Report to Full Committee

Sub-committee members saw assistance to the AOE in designing and carrying out an implementation plan as the principal next step.

Additionally, Jeff Francis recommended that the public work on the program be led by a formal address to the education community by Secretary French on the implementation and goals of the Census-Based Funding program.

The sub-committee also reviewed and discussed material provided by AOE staffer Tracy Waterson concerning the so-called ‘five opportunities’ addressed by the Census-Based Funding model.

Sub-committee members agreed with the sentiment expressed earlier in the full Advisory Group meeting that the division of work into sub-committee tasks no longer appeared advisable, and that the necessary work would be undertaken by the full Advisory Group.

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