

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, April 13, 2018
Claiborne State Office Building, Iowa Room 1-153
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The April 13, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Mr. Shawn Fleming. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Anna Arkin-Gallagher, Ms. Katie Barras, Ms. Julie Comeaux, Ms. Christina Conforto Ms. Brenda Cosse', Ms. Gina Easterly, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Ms. Liz Gary , Mr. Larry Gage, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Cyndy Rutherford, and Ms. Debra Weinberg. Mr. Larry Carter attended as a proxy for Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, and Mr. Cory Butler attended as a proxy for Supt. Kevin George.

Ms. Lakesha Beauchamp, Supt. Kevin George, Ms. Sarah Omojola, Mr. Michael Ortego, Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, Mr. Scott Richard, Ms. Caroline Roemer, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Mr. Al Simmons, and Judge Kim Stansbury were absent.

Public comments were received from Ms. Erin Bendily, Ms. Ashana Bigard, Ms. Florentina Staigers, and Ms. Kathy Edmonston.

- 1 A motion was made by Ms. Weinberg to approve the February 6, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Gary seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved without objection.

- 2 Ms. Barras moved to recommend that the council be allowed to review the annual report prior to it being submitted to the House and Senate Education Committees and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Ms. Conforto seconded the motion. Ms. Weinberg made a substitute motion for council chair to submit a copy of the annual report electronically to the council members prior to its submission to the House and Senate Education Committees and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gary and all approved without objection.

- 3 Ms. Gary moved to recommend that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education formally receive the council's annual report at the next available meeting following the submission of the report. Ms. Rutherford seconded. Ms. Polotzola moved to amend the motion to state that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education formally receive the council's annual reports at their next meeting following submission of the report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rutherford and all approved without objection.

Mr. Fleming facilitated a discussion on the status of the council's recommendations for statutory revisions to the discipline law, R.S. 17:416. The House Education Committee staff offered to work with the council to prepare the statutory revisions properly in an effort to introduce a bill during the next regular session.

Ms. Crystal Wilkinson, Ms. Sherry Randall, and Ms. Barras, with the Louisiana Department of Education, facilitated a discussion regarding the work of the Data Quality Review Workgroup.

4 Ms. Weinberg moved to recommend to the department that discipline reporting definitions be aligned with federal definitions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterly and all approved without objection.

5 Mr. Prudhomme moved to allow the Data Quality Review Workgroup to work with the LDOE and vendors on improving the data collection system and report any recommended changes to the council. Ms. Rutherford seconded. Mr. Fleming moved to amend the motion to include any recommendations for school system student information system. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prudhomme and all approved without objection.

Mr. Fleming facilitated discussion on PBIS with the council.

6 Mr. Gage moved to request the Louisiana Department of Education provide the state PBIS implementation plan with the council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Polotzola and all approved without objection.

Ms. Barras reported on the Department's work related to discipline and behavior.

Mr. Fleming facilitated a discussion on the council leadership teams and priorities as they relate to the model master discipline plan created by R.S. 17:252.

7 Ms. Rutherford moved to recommend that the council develop three workgroups of the priority items within the model master discipline plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gary and all approved without objection.

With no further business before the council, Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm.