
Virtual Education Advisory Committee Meeting Information

Date: August 28, 2017

Location: WebEx

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Committee Members: **Angelique Littlejohn**, Jamie Christensen, **Jeff Verosky**, Katie Swistowicz, Laurie Davis, **Nancy Johnson**, **Nick Bellack**, **Representative Freeman**, **Richard Parker**, **R.J. Kost**, Senator Ellis, **Shannon Siebert**, **Steve Hopkins**, **Summer Stephens**, Tanya Siestoros, Zeta Anderson

WDE and FLP Advisors: Brent Bacon, **Shelley Hamel**, **Jed Cicarelli**, Kim Morrow, **Laurel Ballard**, **Robin Grandpre**, **Lori Thilmany**, Amy Starzynski, and **Andrea Johnson**

Guests: **Bob Jensen** and **Josh Daniels**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Overview
2. Follow Up Items from 8/7/17
 - a. VEAC members length of term and number/roles of members
 - b. District Virtual Education Coordinator role and assignment
3. VE [Memo](#) and Webinars
4. Regular Chapter 41 Virtual Education Rules Revisions
 - a. Questions
 - b. Comments
 - c. Timeline
5. Next Steps and Future Meetings

Notes

Follow-up from last meeting:

- **VEAC Members:**
 - Terms for committee: 4 year terms, with staggering for half of the group to do 2 years until 2019
 - Group: legislature representatives, parents, staff from small, medium, and large districts
- **District VE coordinators:**

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- We have sent a survey to districts to see if this can be combined with an existing role; responses thus far indicate it will be a separate, non-funded WDE Directory role

Virtual Education Memo and Communications

- The WDE has been getting calls about virtual education statutory requirements
- Memo included:
 - Survey: Who should be appointed as virtual education coordinator?
 - Established three webinars about VE
 - What is virtual education?
 - Participation and ADM
 - Teacher certification
 - Frequently asked questions document

Chapter 41 Rules

- Significant changes from the Emergency Rules
 - Emergency rules only covered ADM changes
- When purchasing a VE class, will districts have to ask about the ratio (25:1) or no more than 6 sections?
 - Yes, these are questions that will need to be asked and justified if exceeding
 - Should we update the required ratio and section caps?
 - Should there be differences between elementary and high school?
 - It was decided that this should be addressed in policy and not in the rules.
- Concurrent enrollment definition is confusing
 - FLP and WDE will work together to clarify
- We will take rules suggestions through Thursday, August 31.

Open Action Items

- ✓ Remove teacher, student ratio and course section caps from rules and draft policy recommendations instead
- ✓ Clarify concurrent enrollment definition in rules
- ✓ Send polls to schedule virtual VEAC meetings in October, January and quarterly