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Virtual Education Advisory Committee (VEAC)

Meeting Information

Date: 9/12/18
Location: Email Update
Committee Members: Angelique Littlejohn, Jamie Christensen, Jeff Verosky, Katie Swistowicz, Laurie Davis, Nancy Johnson, Nish Goicolea, Representative Freeman, Richard Parker, R.J. Kost, Shannon Siebert, Steve Hopkins, Tanya Sisneros, Zeta Anderson
WDE: Shelley Hamel, John Bole, Kim Morrow, Laurel Ballard, Robin Grandpre, Lori Thilmany
Guests: Bob Jensen, Mary Billiter, Josh Daniels, Jody Rakness, Tim Hancock

Agenda with Updates

1. Updates
   a. 2018-19 Program Applications and Course Approvals
      i. The letters that will be sent to nineteen districts regarding their virtual education program application approval for the school year is currently awaiting review by WDE Leadership.
      ii. There are still five districts that need to submit the WDE638 WISE Course Inventory with the 2018-19 virtual education courses. In each of these cases, the delays are due to the WISE Coordinators being new to their positions.
      iii. Of the 184 virtual education syllabi submitted for 2018-19, 179 have been approved. The five syllabi pending approval are from one district and will continue to be reviewed if revisions are submitted even though the review submission period closed 8/13/18.
      iv. There are two small districts that still have syllabi to submit for approval as they needed to wait until school started for students to make their final

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class selections. The review and approval process will be conducted on an as-needed basis for these districts.

b. 2018-19 DEG Award Agreements

i. Each of the six award agreements were approved by the AG's Office and are being sent to the school districts for superintendent signatures. The agreements will be signed by WDE Leadership when returned by the districts.

ii. All award activities were allowed to commence 8/15/18.

c. Digital Learning Guidelines Review

i. The WDE Division of Standards and Assessment has decided to include the Digital Learning Guidelines with the computer science standards currently being developed by the Computer Science Standards Review Committee. The Guidelines will not be mandatory for educators to implement but will serve as a resource for digital learning best practices as well as preparing students for computer science standards implementation.

ii. The Digital Learning Guidelines will be reviewed by the Computer Science Standards Review Committee, the Digital Learning Guidelines Work Group and by Innovations Conference participants. The final review is expected to occur in January 2019 with the conclusion of the computer science standards work.

d. Draft Language for 2019 Legislative Changes

i. After the August VEAC meeting, the decision was made to include a revision request for postsecondary staff to teach virtual education classes when a certified teacher is not available.

ii. The legislative revision requests for virtual education are currently awaiting review and approval by WDE Leadership.

2. Virtual Education Course Approval Survey Review

a. A survey requesting feedback regarding the virtual education course approval process will be sent to each district that has submitted syllabi for review. Please provide any comments or suggested edits on the survey items by 9/19/18.