

MINUTES
STANDARDS RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 14, 2015

The Standards Recommendation Committee met for its second regularly scheduled meeting at the Inn at Opryland in Nashville, TN.

Present.....9

Absent.....1

Dr. Shirley Curry

Dr. Lyle Ailshie (Chair)

Ms. Shannon Duncan

Ms. Darcie Finch

Ms. Tracy Franklin

Ms. Amy Gullion

Mr. Doug Hungate

Ms. Cathy Kolb

Mr. David Pickler (Vice Chair)

Dr. Sharen Cypress

Mr. David Pickler calls the meeting to order. All committee members are introduced.

Ms. Amy Gullion is from Rutherford County. She said she is very invested in public education because she works with K-5 and has three sons.

Ms. Shannon Duncan is from Tullahoma City Schools. She said she is currently finishing the doctoral program at MTSU. **Ms. Duncan** has a first grader and second grader. She also sits on the Coffee County School Board.

Dr. Shirley Curry is from Wayne County. She explained that she has been a teacher for more than fifty years and loves teaching and the classroom. She added that she thinks the state will see a lot of success from RTII. **Dr. Curry** has three children.

Ms. Cathy Kolb is from Clarksville. She has previously taught in Kentucky, Germany, and Tennessee. **Ms. Kolb** is a special education teacher.

Ms. Tracy Franklin is from Loudon County. She has lived there for 19 years. She said this is her first year as an administrator. **Ms. Franklin** has a new grandchild.

Ms. Darcie Finch has been married for eleven years. She started working in math seven or eight years ago. **Ms. Finch** said she then became a numeracy and technology middle school coach in Metro Nashville Public Schools. She has served as a Core Coach and has a daughter and son.

Mr. Doug Hungate works at Cheatham County Central High School. He earned his K-6 endorsement while getting a master's degree at Trevecca. He said he is excited to be here to grow our state and help our students.

Mr. David Pickler has served on the Shelby County School Board for 16 years. He has been an education advocate and ambassador for twenty years working across the state and the country. He said he believes we need to continue to strive for the highest standards. He has two kids who are products of Shelby County public schools and a new grandchild. **Mr. Pickler** has been married for thirty-five years.

Dr. Sharen Cypress is from West Tennessee. She currently serves as the dean of College of Education at Freed-Hardeman University.

Dr. Sara Heyburn is the executive director of the State Board of education. She said the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Speaker of the House went through such great links to choose this group. She added that the state board is excited to work with this committee. She believes Tennessee has a lot of be proud of within public education. She is from Louisville. She previously taught high school English for six years.

Ms. Laura Encalade is the Director of Policy and Research at the State Board of Education. She taught middle school social studies and writing before she went to the Department of Education. She is a native of Shelby County.

Mr. Nathan James is the Director of Legislative Affairs for the State Board of Education. Previously, he worked with various legislators in education policy.

Dr. Tammy Shelton is the Executive Director of Content and Assessment for the Department of Education. She will support districts when the standards are adopted. She also works with textbooks and other school resources for the state.

Ms. Susan Grankee trains high school English teachers that go to the University of Tennessee. She previously taught middle and high school English in Baltimore. Her graduate work at Virginia Tech in 2004 included research about motivating young people to read.

Ms. Shannon Jackson has three children that are in second, third, and fourth grade. She was the ELA standards review committee lead. She explained that all of the ELA review committee worked collaboratively to be sure that the standards work together.

Dr. Joseph Jones is the district math coordinator in Cheatham County schools. He was the Math standards review committee lead. He has been a preacher for 21 years and an adjunct professor at two different colleges. He previously taught high school math.

Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch has been a UTM math professor for twenty-two years. She said this gives her an opportunity to see what students are supposed to have learned so she can help them draw on their experiences when they get to her.

Ms. Stacy Roddy will be completing 30 years of education Tennessee on September 1. She was a math and science teacher for 16 years and has been in several different roles in education. She currently works for Hamilton County Schools. She said that she always tries to remember what it is like to be a teacher. This is her fourth time participating in the standards revision process and believes that this time around the public feedback was implemented. The review committees took that public feedback very seriously.

Vice Chair Pickler asked for a motion for the committee to adopt the following meeting dates: October 20th (half day), November 17th (full day), and December 15th (half day). All meetings will be held in Nashville.

ACTION: **Ms. Kolb** moved acceptance. **Ms. Gullion** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Pickler asked for a motion to stand in recess until 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 15th, for the purpose of orientation, at which time if there was no further business the meeting would be adjourned.

ACTION: **Ms. Duncan** moved acceptance. **Ms. Kolb** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED