



A New Vision for Literacy Research in Iowa

**Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC)
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017
10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Iowa Center for Higher Education**

Members present: Lonna Anderson, Kimberly Buryanek, Angelica Cardenas-Chaisson, Kara Dietrich, Mark Draper, Clark Goltz, Emily Hayden, Becky Miles-Polka, Claudia Reyes-Fry, Nita Schmidt, David Tilly, Sarah Vander Zanden, Cathy Wilt, Ryan Wise, Lindsay Woodward.

Additional attendees: Deborah K. Reed, IRRC Director; Sean Thompson, IRRC Communications Specialist; Amy Williamson, Iowa Department of Education.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by IRRC Advisory Council (AC) Chair Kimberly Buryanek. All AC members introduced themselves and provided updates related to literacy education.

2. Approval of agenda

On a motion by Clark Goltz and seconded by Cathy Wilt, the agenda for the meeting was approved, with zero “no” votes.

3. Approval of December 2016 meeting minutes

Cathy Wilt suggested correcting a typo in the December 2016 meeting minutes. On a motion by Clark Goltz seconded by Mark Draper, the December 2016 meeting minutes were approved, with the aforementioned edit, with zero “no” votes.

4. Public comment

Chairperson Buryanek allowed time for public comment. No comments were made by members of the public.

5. Director’s report (IRRC)

2016-2017 accomplishments

IRRC Director Dr. Deborah K. Reed reviewed a handout summarizing the IRRC’s impact and accomplishments during the previous calendar year. This included information on the center’s reach both in-person and on the web; the Intensive Summer Reading Program (ISRP) study; the Practitioners and Researchers Overcoming Problems of Literacy (PROPeL) initiative; dyslexia training for institutes of higher education; the center’s work with the Ames, Council Bluff, and Sioux City Community School Districts; and professional development for Iowa educators. She



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also discussed the anticipated change to the training platform for Iowa's Early Warning System for Literacy as the Department is ending its contract with TIES, the current host of the platform the center provides for teacher preparation students to become certified on the state's universal screening measures.

6. Iowa Department of Education update (Iowa Department of Education)

At this point, the IRRC portion of the meeting was temporarily ceded, and the council was asked to serve in an advisory role to the DE.

DE Director Ryan Wise provided an update on educational legislation passed during the 2017 session.

DE Deputy Director and Administrator David Tilly provided an update on continued efforts to prepare teachers to provide high-quality literacy instruction.

DE Bureau of School Improvement Chief provided a presentation on differentiated accountability as it relates to literacy instruction ([click here to see slides from the presentation](#)).

The IRRC Advisory Council meeting then resumed.

7. IRRC Professional Development (IRRC)

Reed presented one of the four modules created as part of the ISRP study and revised during the past year: "Effective Vocabulary Instruction: Frayer Model."

The council provided feedback on the module and expressed support for the wider dissemination of the four modules. Reed added that additional modules might be added in the future.

8. Announcements from council members

Becky Miles-Polka provided an update on The Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

Clark Goltz announced the Iowa Reading Association and Iowa Library Association would hold a joint conference next year.

9. Officer elections

Mark Draper nominated current IRRC Advisory Council Chair Kimberly Buryanek for chair. The nomination was seconded by Clark Goltz. Goltz nominated current IRRC Advisory Council Vice Chair Nita Schmidt for vice chair. The nomination was seconded by Mark Draper. Both nominees were elected to their respective positions, with zero "no" votes.

10. Advisory Council member recognition

Certificates were awarded to the following outgoing members:

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- Mike Beranek – end of term
- Clark Goltz – end of term
- Mark Draper – retirement
- Cathy Wilt – retirement

Chair Buryanek thanked each outgoing member for his or her contributions to Iowa education and the IRRC.

11. Adjourn

On a motion by Clark Goltz and seconded by Mark Draper, the meeting was adjourned, with zero “no” votes.

