



## Student Reading Success Through Research and Collaboration

**Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC)  
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2018  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Des Moines Area Community College – Ankeny**

**Members present:** Lonna Anderson, Kara Dietrich, Katie Greving, Lolli Haws, Emily Hayden, Jaci Jarmes, Gabe Twedt, Ryan Wise, Sarah Vander Zanden, Corey Vorthmann, Lindsay Woodward.

**Additional attendees:** Deborah K. Reed, IRRC Director; Trish Sodahl, IRRC Administrative Services Coordinator

**Guests:** Shanlyn Seivert, Policy Liaison, Iowa Department of Education; Carly Gates, Coordinator of Summer Learning, Council Bluffs Community School District

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### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by IRRC Advisory Council (AC) Chair Kara Dietrich at 10:04 a.m.

### **2. Approval of agenda**

On a motion by Lindsay Woodward and seconded by Ryan Wise, the agenda for the meeting was approved as amended, with zero “no” votes. Agenda was amended in order to revise order of agenda items.

### **3. Approval of May 2018 meeting minutes**

On a motion by Jaci Jarmes and seconded by Sarah Vander Zanden, the September 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended, with zero “no” votes. Attendance was revised to remove member Kara Dietrich as present at the September meeting.

### **4. Public comment**

Chair Kara Dietrich allowed time for public comment. No members of the public were in attendance.

### **5. Review of homework**

Kara Dietrich introduced the homework assignment and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to provide feedback to the IRRC. Council members were asked to share the Early Literacy Blueprint Initiative: High-Priority Milestones for K-3 Reading Development with 2-3



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individuals or groups and report back. Overall feedback was positive, groups reported document as a useful evaluation tool with suggestions for future revisions.

### **6. Iowa Department of Education update**

Ryan Wise provided updates on the request for proposal timeline for the Early Warning System for Literacy, the new Iowa School Performance Profiles release, the Conditions for Learning Survey, the next phase of the Iowa School Performance Profiles, the merging of the Iowa School Report Card systems, and the release of the latest post-secondary readiness reports. Director Wise and Policy Liaison Shan Seivert also addressed the upcoming priorities of the legislative session and the request for continued funding for the IRRC.

### **7. Professional Development: Planning a summer reading program - Council Bluff presentation**

Carly Gates, Coordinator of Summer Learning for the Council Bluffs Community School District, joined the meeting via videoconference and provided an update on the summer reading program including history of the program, successes, identifying needs and program progress.

### **8. Early Literacy Blueprint Initiative**

Deborah Reed reviewed the IRRC's work on the Early Literacy Blueprint initiative including updates on the website and the number of professional development sessions held.

### **9. Director's report (IRRC)**

Deborah Reed updated council members on building the dyslexia, oral language, and fluency modules for release online. Reed also presented preliminary results of the Iowa Early Literacy Survey. The full report should be ready for the IRRC's legislative reception on January 24, 2019. Finally, Reed discussed with the council proposed work in two districts requesting assistance with the selection of curricular materials.

### **10. Assignment of homework (IRRC)**

Kara Dietrich described the assignment for the next meeting in May of 2019. Council members were asked to read and respond to an IRRC blog post or share it via social media or directly with coworkers/peers/parents/students.

### **11. Adjourn**

A reminder was given for the May 16, 2019 meeting

On a motion by Corey Vorthmann and seconded by Lindsay Woodward, the meeting was adjourned, with zero "no" votes at 1:41 pm.