



Student Reading Success Through Research and Collaboration

**Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC)
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018
10:00 a.m. 1:28 p.m.
Iowa Center for Higher Education**

Members present: Kimberly Buryanek, Kara Dietrich, Becky Miles-Polka (10:30), Joe Crozier, David Tilly, Jaci Jarmes, Ryan Wise (10:20), Nita Schmidt (10:40), Mike Bunde, Emily Hayden, Kate Connealy, Sarah Vander Zanden, Claudia Reyes-Fry, Lindsay Woodward.

Additional attendees: Deborah K. Reed, IRRC Director; Sandy Schmitz, IRRC Assistant Director; Jamie Johnson IRRC Administrative Services Coordinator.

Guests: Shan Sievert, Iowa Department of Education Policy Advisor

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by IRRC Advisory Council (AC) Chair Kimberly Buryanek. All AC members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of agenda

On a motion by Joe Crozier and seconded by Lindsay Woodward the agenda for the meeting was approved, with zero “no” votes.

3. Approval of December 7, 2017 meeting minutes

On a motion by Mike Bunde and seconded by Lindsay Woodward, the December 2017 meeting minutes were approved, 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)

IRRC Director Dr. Reed shared the IRRC anticipated direction and current limitations for the Statewide Dyslexia Training. Dr. Reed shared an overview of the 4th grade fluency study and introduced the potential projects with schools and Area Education Agencies (AEAs) for fiscal year 2019.

6. Early Literacy Blueprint Initiative (IRRC)

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Dr. Reed provided an update on the Early Literacy Blueprint Initiative and what progress we can be expecting to see in the coming months after the vetting and revision of materials are completed and the new module topics are selected. She also discussed the third Training-of-Trainers (TOT) scheduled for August 6-8, 2018.

7. IRRC Professional Development (IRRC)

Dr. Reed presented “Fidelity of Implementation” and members practiced evaluating the fidelity of instruction from audio files.

8. 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 Deputy Director David Tilly provided an update on the educational legislation and department projects. Dr. Reed also discussed the upcoming Request for Proposals for the early warning system. This has been delivered by FastBridge, but the Department must go out for bid every 5 years.

DE Director Ryan Wise and Policy Liaison Shan Sievert provided an update regarding state assessment, the dyslexia taskforce, and the teacher licensure testing bills from the last legislative session.

Joe Crozier provided an update on legislation relating to AEA reorganization, which did not pass.

The IRRC Advisory Council meeting then resumed.

9. Announcements from council members

No announcements were made by the council members.

10. Officer elections

Nita Schmidt nominated current IRRC Advisory Council member Kara Dietrich for chair. The nomination was seconded by Jaci Jarmes. Nita Schmidt nominated current IRRC Advisory Council member Sarah Vander Zanden for vice chair. The nomination was seconded by Joe Crozier. Both nominees were elected to their respective positions, with zero “no” votes

11. Advisory council member recognition

- Claudia Reyes-Fry – end of term
- Nita Schmidt – end of term



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- Mike Bunde – end of term
- Kim Buryanek – end of term
- Angélica Cárdenas-Chaisson – end of term
- Joe Crozier – retirement

During this portion, IRRC Director Deborah Reed recognized the outgoing Assistant Director Sandy Schmitz, who has decided to return to a special education position within the Iowa Department of Education.

12. Adjourn

On a motion by Becky Miles-Polka and seconded by Joe Crozier, the meeting was adjourned, with zero “no” votes.