Virtual Education Advisory Committee Meeting Information

Date: August 28, 2017
Location: WebEx
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Committee Members: Angelique Littlejohn, Jamie Christensen, Jeff Verosky, Katie Swistowicz, Laurie Davis, Nancy Johnson, Nick Bellack, Representative Freeman, Richard Parker, R.J. Kost, Senator Ellis, Shannon Siebert, Steve Hopkins, Summer Stephens, Tanya Siestoros, Zeta Anderson

WDE and FLP Advisors: Brent Bacon, Shelley Hamel, Jed Cicarelli, Kim Morrow, Laurel Ballard, Robin Grandpre, Lori Thilmany, Amy Starzynski, and Andrea Johnson

Guests: Bob Jensen and Josh Daniels

Agenda

1. Welcome and Overview
2. Follow Up Items from 8/7/17
   a. VEAC members length of term and number/roles of members
   b. District Virtual Education Coordinator role and assignment
3. VE Memo and Webinars
4. Regular Chapter 41 Virtual Education Rules Revisions
   a. Questions
   b. Comments
   c. Timeline
5. Next Steps and Future Meetings

Notes

Follow-up from last meeting:

- VEAC Members:
  ○ Terms for committee: 4 year terms, with staggering for half of the group to do 2 years until 2019
  ○ Group: legislature representatives, parents, staff from small, medium, and large districts
- District VE coordinators:
○ We have sent a survey to districts to see if this can be combined with an existing role; responses thus far indicate it will be a separate, non-funded WDE Directory role

**Virtual Education Memo and Communications**

- The WDE has been getting calls about virtual education statutory requirements
- Memo included:
  - Survey: Who should be appointed as virtual education coordinator?
  - Established three webinars about VE
    - What is virtual education?
    - Participation and ADM
    - Teacher certification
  - Frequently asked questions document

**Chapter 41 Rules**

- Significant changes from the Emergency Rules
  - Emergency rules only covered ADM changes
- When purchasing a VE class, will districts have to ask about the ratio (25:1) or no more than 6 sections?
  - Yes, these are questions that will need to be asked and justified if exceeding
  - Should we update the required ratio and section caps?
    - Should there be differences between elementary and high school?
  - It was decided that this should be addressed in policy and not in the rules.
- Concurrent enrollment definition is confusing
  - FLP and WDE will work together to clarify
- We will take rules suggestions through Thursday, August 31.

**Open Action Items**

✓ Remove teacher, student ratio and course section caps from rules and draft policy recommendations instead

✓ Clarify concurrent enrollment definition in rules

✓ Send polls to schedule virtual VEAC meetings in October, January and quarterly