Virtual Education Advisory Committee (VEAC)

Meeting Information

Date: 7/11/18
Location: Online Video Conference
Time: 2 pm - 4 pm
Committee Members: Angelique Littlejohn, Jamie Christensen, Jeff Verosky, Katie Swistowicz, Laurie Davis, Nancy Johnson, Nish Goicolea, Representative Freeman, Richard Parker, R.J. Kost, Shannon Siebert, Steve Hopkins, Tanya Sisneros, Zeta Anderson
WDE: Shelley Hamel, Kim Morrow, Laurel Ballard, Robin Grandpre, Lori Thilmany
Guests: Bob Jensen, Mary Billiter, Josh Daniels

Agenda

1. Roll Call and Updates
   a. 2017-18 Course Approvals
   b. 2018-19 Course Approvals - July 2 - August 10, 2018
   c. DEG Application Deadline July 20, 2018
   d. Digital Learning Guidelines Development July 17-18, 2018
   e. STAR, WAVE and STEAM Conference Virtual 307 Sessions
2. Virtual Education Program Applications
3. Draft Language for Statutory Changes

Notes

Updates:

- Close of 2017-18 course approvals on June 29, 2018
○ Over 90% of the courses were approved (1,073 syllabi approved)
○ 95 syllabi were denied
  ■ One reason for denials were that revisions were inadequate
  ■ Another reason syllabi were “denied” is that they were never submitted so those were actually never reviewed
● 2018-19 Course approvals now open.
  ○ The WDE638 WISE Course Inventory has always been required for all classes each year. This year virtual education information will be included on the WDE638. A separate file will be needed for additional virtual education elements
  ○ Approval process is open until Aug. 10, syllabi as well as WDE 638
    ■ The last date for districts to submit the WDE638 or virtual education syllabi for this summer review cycle is August 10, 2018
    ■ Final approvals will be made by August 20
    ■ Nov and Dec - districts will have the chance to submit spring courses or update courses, as needed.
● DEG Application Deadline - July 20, 2018
  ○ So far none of the eligible districts have applied, but not uncommon to wait until closer to the date to submit
  ○ Districts have until midnight on 7/20/18 to submit
  ○ Only need to submit applications electronically this year
● Digital Learning Guidelines Development
  ○ A work group has been selected to develop digital learning guidelines per one of the 2017-2021 Digital Learning Plan recommendations
  ○ An in person work group will be held July 17-18 in Cheyenne
  ○ Two of the staff from the Wyoming Department of Education Standards Team will also assist with this work
● STAR, WAVE, STEAM Conferences - Virtual 307 Sessions
  ○ Working to reach districts to help them understand the Virtual 307 programs, courses and website
  ○ The sessions were very well received at the STAR Conference as individuals can see the benefit of the information being available statewide
Virtual Education Program Applications:

- Four new districts have submitted a letter of intent
- August 10 is the deadline for submitting the application documents for the 2018-19 school year

Draft Language for Statutory Changes:

- Two changes recommended:
  - Allow districts to participate in the MOU process when a student is enrolled in virtual education full-time (more than 50%)
  - An avenue for the VEAC to report to the legislature when needed
- WDE is working to draft the language

Question- as we roll out the Virtual 307 are we missing targeting any specific audiences?

- Lori- we are providing monthly webinars on virtual education topics
  - Are we recording the webinars?
    - Yes - but we can only send the webinars to individuals until they are closed captioned and then we will be able to post them to the WDE or Virtual 307 website
- Small schools and alternative schools might be a good audience
- Target counselors?
  - We don’t have a contact list that we have access to, so it is more difficult to reach them directly.
  - Does anyone have any suggestions on how to reach them more directly?
  - Western Wyoming Community College has a counselor day and the Admissions Office might have a list of the contacts from last year
  - Create a sign-up for Virtual 307 information through the WDE?
    - The sign-up could be for messages to be delivered via Gov. Delivery
    - The sign-up information could be sent to Virtual Education Coordinators and Scholarship Coordinators in the districts and ask that they distribute them to counselors