

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

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- 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