

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

April 25, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

District Management		At-Large Community		Association Representation		PSESD	
Ann Minckler Kent S.D.	Present	Hamdi Abdulle SYFC	Present	Dianne Jordan Auburn S.D.	Absent	John Welch	Present
John Schmitz Renton S.D.	Present	Mary Jean Ryan CCER	Present	Cindy Lewis Tukwila S.D.	Absent	LaWonda Smith	Present
Alan Spicciati Auburn S.D.	Present			Sue McCabe Highline P.S.	Present		

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair John Welch began the call by welcoming members and reviewing the agenda for the day.

It was moved by Ann Minckler to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

It was requested that District Management, Education Association, Community At-Large members and the Project Director each provide an update to the group as necessary.

The **Chair** commented that he was excited to have LaWonda Smith at her first official RTT-D Executive Committee meeting.

Community At-Large member Hamdi Abdulle mentioned that the community is concerned how the Best Start for Kids grant is shaping up. Also, Somali Youth and Family Services is soon celebrating its 10th anniversary.

District Management member Ann Minckler said she is serving as interim principal at an elementary school, and the primary RTT district contact in Kent is Israel Vela. John Schmitz said that he would be transitioning to Chief of Schools in Renton in June. Alan Spicciati mentioned that his district continues to keep an eye on the funding situation in Olympia; Auburn is still working to figure out the sustainability of RTT programs.

Education Association member Sue McCabe said education associations were supporting “ample” state funding. Also, education associations were disappointed that ESDs and

Superintendents had advocated statutory limitations on collective bargaining. The Chair offered to discuss this issue with her at another time.

In the **Project Director** update, LaWonda Smith shared that support is being finalized for world language testing, and college signing celebrations will be held in the spring. Staff were asked to present information about Student Success Link to OSPI last month.

AGENDA ITEMS

Vivian Knapp presented the budget report and underspend use recommendations. Staff reached out to districts to discuss spend-down rates. No substantial additional savings were identified as a direct result, but some additional savings have been identified since.

It was commented that it is difficult to know with precision how much will yet be invoiced, and so how much savings there really are. It was suggested that this may become clearer over the next month, and it might be wise to have a short list of possible projects to receive additional funding in case there is a need for that.

Discussion was held.

It was commented that the Puget Sound Center for Personalized Learning might not be a perfect fit for Race to the Top. It was suggested to view this project as completely in line with the focus of the grant, especially in terms of sustainability.

Discussion was held.

It was asked whether the Quality Summer Learning Program would gather the same data as had been gathered in the Birch Creek Program. Yes, the same kind of data, but might not be directly comparable to Birch Creek.

It was asked if the program would support CBOs as well as Highline Public Schools. Yes, but not much outside of reading supports and staff time.

Discussion was held.

It was suggested that some possible projects to fund, if additional savings are identified, would be summer Professional Development, externships for teachers through WABS, and a pilot project in Renton and Federal Way.

It was moved by Ann Minckler to approve the staff recommendation to reallocate identified savings to the Puget Sound Center for Personalized Learning. The motion passed with four yea votes and two nay votes. John Welch abstained.

It was moved by John Schmitz to approve the staff recommendation to reallocate identified savings to the Quality Summer Learning Program. The motion passed unanimously.

WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.