

Meeting 3 – Department of Education – Pierre, July 12 – 8:30-4:30

Members Present: Ms. Samantha Fischbach, Ms. Mary Cundy, Ms. Lakisha Jordan, Ms. Sherri Nelson, Ms. Cheryl Medearis, Ms. Charlotte Mohling, Ms. Connie Godfrey, Ms. Camrin Vaux, Mr. Tom Farrell, Dr. Julie Mathiesen, Ms. Kari Berger, Ms. Mandy Grantham, Mr. Justin Smidt, Ms. Jennifer Tschetter (DOE), Ms. Mary Stadick-Smith (DOE), Ms. Judy Merriman (DOE), Mr. Joe Moran (DOE), Ms. Vera Tipton (DOE), Ms. Linda Turner (DOE)

The Distance Learning Review Committee for K-12 Education met on July 12 at the McKay Building in Pierre. This was the third meeting following a Zoom meeting in May and face-to-face meeting in June. A review of purpose and action was presented which included reviewing issues and creating recommendations including Secretary Sanderson's outline of engaged issues and expectations.

Members retired to small groups. These groups explored various state distance learning programs and plans. States reviewed were Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Texas, Massachusetts. Proposals originating from the previous two meetings were evaluated, edited and discussed in small and choral grouping. The initial proposals focused upon current practices, funding and accountability.

The initial proposals received thorough review and consensus was reached by the committee. Additional resources were reviewed in relation to assessment, engagement, learning management systems, and equity. The committee critiqued, again met in small groups to create suggested direction and then came to consensus on 18 recommendations.

The recommendations can be placed in this sequential context: *The Distance Learning Review Committee first believes that all students deserve an equal opportunity to access and participate in online learning as pre-text for all recommendations. The group also believes there is much further labor involved in the details of arriving at that destination and has proposed a leadership team be formed to review this committee's recommendations and act upon them with procedures, processes, and firm timelines.*

August 2nd, the committee will meet for a final approval of the recommendation language and possible additions to these 18, an affirmation of the report outline, discussion of post-secondary institutions' role, continuation of connection to current law, more detailed website and SDVCE team proposals, and any other final contributions.

The next meeting will be in Pierre at 8:30 AM at the Department of Education.