

May 29, 2008

11:00am to 12:00pm

State Education Sub-Committee Minutes

Present:

Cathy Brorson, Co-Chair
Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos
Orlando Cano
Melanie Hess

Kitsap Credit Union
37th Legislative District
Rep. Santos' Assistant
Junior Achievement

Absent:

Lance Wrzesinski, Chair
Caleb Perkins
Pam Whalley
John Nofsinger (call-in only)

W.F. West High School
OSPI & FLPPP
WWU College of Bus. and Econ.
Washington State University

Item #1 – Focus

What's happening in State education currently that supports financial literacy education, and what are the gaps and goals.

Item #2 – Ideas

The group discussed several ideas that merit consideration:

- Recommendation of a survey of teachers – statewide;
- Need for a mandate that brings public funding;
- *Sustained* financial literacy curriculum;
- Professional development (i.e. Train the Trainer)

Item #3 – Survey

Administer a more comprehensive survey to teachers statewide through the Washington Education Association (WEA), in September 2008. Survey will reach K-12, Community, Technical and State college teachers. Results will be included in the final report due December 2008.

The survey will address:

- What are you doing?
- What are the needs and goals?
- Is there State funding?
- What's happening in your District?

It was discussed that the larger workgroup could benefit from hearing a more pointed explanation of what the FLPPP is doing and has done. It's important to reference the work of the FLPPP which is more policy focused in terms of what needs to be done. The FLPPP has planned to do a survey at the OSPI summer Institute.

Melanie Hess will ask the Education sub-committee to develop the survey instrument.

Item #4 – Mandate

Reviewed current financial literacy activity:

- In schools
- Not enough
- Not funded
- No mandates

To establish a state mandate there is a need for statistics. This could be supplemented with FLPPP's survey findings. A paper survey will access all teachers who attend the OSPI's summer Institute. Lyn Peters will check on the status of the summer Institutes.

We need to get the WEA to play with us and have them send out the survey. Rep. Santos will contact them.

Item #5 – Professional Development

It was discussed that there needs to be a marriage of both education with professional development and funding needs to be established. There are currently 1 million students in Washington State. There are also dozens of curricula available, but it's confusing to teachers. In light of local control and funding issues, how do teachers make the best or most appropriate choice?

The summer Institute provides a professional development opportunity for teachers. FLPPP has submitted three applications for presenter. Pam Whalley will be presenting 4 sessions on personal finance and two sessions on Playdoh and Economics. Portia Everson will present two sessions on financial literacy standards and delivery.

The FLPPP is in the planning phase review of what meets State standards, what formats and assessments are available.

Item 5: Miscellaneous Resources for Information

It was suggested that community colleges or continued education classes might be an interesting area to check and see what's happening. Ask:

- Are programs on campus?
- Are they certified by the college?

The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards has a certificate program for teachers.

Next Steps

- Begin working the survey piece through Pam Whalley
- Rep. Santos will contact the WEA
- September distribution of survey

Other

Lyn pointed out that we have not yet selected a co-chair for our committee. Cathy Brorson was selected.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Brorson
State Education Sub-Committee