

Accredited Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Meeting
May 8, 2012
Grimes State Office Building—State Board Room
1:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance – Joan Thompson, Mary Wieser, Christi Lines, Luvern Gubbels, Jeff Henderson, Jerry Deegan, Kevin Fangman, Lee Morrison, Phil Wise, Darryl DeRuiter, Wilma Gajdel, Julie Melcher, Connie Maxson.

2012 Legislative Session – Phil Wise reviewed the Conference Committee Report on Educational Reform.

ESEA Waiver – Kevin Fangman presented an updated review of the progress on Iowa’s request for a waiver from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The U.S. Department of Education and the Iowa Department of Education (DE) have been working on issues related to the Iowa Waiver. The status of the waiver request will be known during the summer.

Title I – Wilma Gajdel presented a detailed review of the expectations for the development of Title I programs for nonpublic schools. She explained the consultation process and what nonpublic schools and local education agencies (LEAs) should expect. There was also a review of what can be expected should the consultation process not lead to an agreed upon Title I program. The presentation and accompanying Title I report will be forwarded to the committee.

Iowa Core Investigations – Connie Maxson reviewed the expectations for schools and districts related to further review of the Iowa Core. Each area education agency (AEA) has consultants who have been trained to be the content specialists for mathematics and literacy. These consultants will lead “investigations” at the AEA in both content areas. All teachers need to be led to a deeper understanding of the Iowa Core either through AEA programs or through a train-the-trainer model also being developed. There is also a desire by the DE to develop an online model.

State Level “Study Groups” – The committee was informed that the DE would work to ensure proper representation by accredited nonpublic schools in the various study groups being created. These study groups are assigned the task of reviewing many of the education innovations being discussed in Iowa to make recommendations moving forward.

Meetings for 2012-2013 – The meetings for next year were set for:

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