

Act 28 Report to Vermont Standards Board
29 November 2023
Summary of 18 October 2023 Meeting of
Advisory Council on Literacy

Report includes confirmation of council purpose, a public comment, recommendations for 2021 and 2022, and updates from the AOE.

Meeting began with a confirmation of the council purpose: To increase literacy achievement for all students and close achievement gaps for all students, norms and reminders:

- Members represent themselves/their constituencies, chair (Gwen Carmolli) represents the council's collaborative work and agreements
- Decisions are rooted in requirements & evidence-based
- resources
- Each member brings expertise & commitment to improve literacy outcomes for all students

Public Comment: Discussion of "Everybody Reads," Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program to increase students exposure to text and support early literacy

Report of recommendations for 2021 and 2022

- Overview of Council's recommendations to date and resources for evidence-based instructional practices and programs.

AOE Updates

- Local Common Assessment Systems (LCAS) and Data Dashboards
- Walkthrough of AOE web pages and resources for English Language Arts, proficiency-based learning, local comprehensive assessment system, lexile/quantile level and online professional development platform.
- Portrait of a Graduate and example of Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements.

NOTE: The meeting schedule for the Advisory Council on Literacy has changed. It now meets on the same day as the VSBPE meeting. I am not always available to attend the meeting but I do receive the minutes for review.

Respectfully submitted 29 November 2023
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