

Agency of Education
219 North Main Street, Suite 424
May 21, 2018

Present: Bernice Garnett, UVM; Henry Sparks, Burlington School District; Mill Moore, VISA; Kathy Johnson, A World of Difference; Mara Iverson, Outright Vermont; Jay Nichols, VPA; Heather Bouchey, Agency of Education

AOE: Tracy Watterson, Tom Faris, Karin Edwards, Emily Simmons, Suzanne Sprague

Agenda:

1. Legislative issues
2. MTSS, PBIS & CIRS Update, Tracy Watterson, AOE
3. ROPA
4. Other

The meeting convened at 2:31 p.m.

Garnett asked the group for introductions.

Tracy Watterson, Multi-tiered Systems of Support Program Manager and Tom Faris, Education Programs Coordinator, presented on [Multi-tiered Systems of Supports \(MTSS\) in Public Schools](#). Johnson asked for clarification on Combined Incident Reporting Software (CIRS). Watterson said CIRS is a software program that is being phased out and is being replaced by Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Watterson explained that CIRS and SLDS collect data on exclusionary discipline.

The presentation included updates to MTSS, Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and Exclusionary Discipline at the Agency of Education (AOE). Discussion followed regarding confusion in schools and communicating best practice, coordinated efforts at the SU and district level, restorative practices and equity, leadership turnover at the local level, shared principles, climate survey for students and adults, adding supports, professional learning, school and staff buy-in, streamlining data, measuring effectiveness of restorative practices, EQS and focusing on MTSS.

Acting Secretary Bouchey said that H.897 made it through both the House and Senate. It is the Special Education Bill and will include a weighting study. The Miscellaneous Education Bill (S.257) did not make it to ultimate passage before the session adjourned. Acting Secretary

Bouchev was uncertain regarding expectations of the special session. Moore said that the Ethnic Studies Bill (H.794) will end up being a model policy. He observed that the Legislature is now creating more working groups and committees. Discussion followed on ethnic studies, what is effective when people don't want to change, curriculum, the State Board of Education and standards, EQS, outcomes, equity and starting with adults first.

The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are below.

Monday, July 30, 2018

Monday, September 24, 2018

Monday, November 26, 2018

Garnett requested that topics for the July agenda be sent directly to her attention.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Suzanne Sprague.