

Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee
Monday, January 14th, 2019

Department of Transportation Board Room
1 S. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC
9:00am-3:00pm

9:10 am LaTanya Pattillo called the meeting to order by reading the code of ethics.

LaTanya introduced new GTAC committee member Freebird McKinney. She discussed the Comp Sci Educator Workshop that took place on December 7th at the Experience More Summit on Work-Based Learning at Fidelity Investments. Together with Mark Townley and Deborah Brown, they discussed their collective experience at the Summit.

LaTanya discussed Governor Cooper's Educator Discovery Award. Professional development team took the lead in screening applicants and determined the top 3 applicants to be selected for the NCBCE Board of Advisors. Mark Townley brought up his meeting with Caroline Sullivan, in which he recommended having a master list of ways to spend the stipend, including possible professional development opportunities for educators. Deborah Brown wanted to know if it was possible for this list to be added to the Navigator for future reference.

Geoff Coltrane discussed the Leandro Commission and its goal of providing mental and health support to students so that they can achieve academic goals and receive the support they need. The Commission is based on the Leandro court case, where it was ruled that children have the right to receive a sound, based education, including having an effective teacher and principal as well as appropriate resources. To meet this goal, the finance and teacher groups within the Commission will discuss the financial compensation of educators, as well as mentoring and professional development. They are expecting to have recommendations from teachers and the outside consultant WestEd by the middle of the year, and then will introduce these recommendations to the court and Governor Cooper through a joint consent order.

Mark Jewell discussed his experiences with the Leandro Commission thus far. Topics that have been discussed include barriers to obtaining quality educators, like master teacher pay and the ability to obtain appropriate resources in the classroom.

LaTanya Pattillo acknowledged the Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee. Stakeholders in the committee are discussing early childhood issues, and the GTAC will examine how prepared students are when they arrive to the K-12 system. Currently, there is a focus on K-3, and Kristin Guillory will be attending the next GTAC meeting to share the work that is taking place in that system.

Geoff Coltrane discussed additional opportunities that are currently taking place in the governor's office. Geoff mentioned the Governor's current budget proposal. There is no longer a super-majority against the governor in the legislature, thus the Governor's orders will have more

staying power. Geoff concluded by asking the group to keep him and LaTanya up to date with events the GTAC members are attending in the future.

LaTanya asked the group to address any acknowledgements they would like to share.

- Mark Jewell mentioned that NCAE is excited to acknowledge that the state will flourish when it has a balanced political structure. He then mentioned the May 16th Red for Ed, as well as four regional gatherings that are coming up, the first taking place on Saturday, January 19th in the Raleigh NCAE center. There will be three more of these gatherings on the coming Saturdays, with the next one being in Asheville January 26th, and then in Charlotte February 2nd, and then in Greenville February 9th.
- LeAnna Delph mentioned the training that will take place to help discuss issues with legislators.
- Julio asked for further board support to supplement the support he is already getting in his plan to become more involved with the general assembly and the governor.
- Mark Townley discussed there is no longer political separation in education, as everyone across the country recognizes the current disparities in the field and wants to see change.
- Deborah mentioned her invitation to be a mentor at the upcoming South by Southwest conference in Austin, TX.
- Nashonda will be presenting on advocacy at NAE.
- GTAC member mentioned that her student would be going to the National Honors Choir.
- Denise McCoy mentioned that she will be presenting at the CCES conference as well as another conference.
- Brad Rhew said he is leaving the classroom to serve as a program manager for the Kenan Fellows.
- LaTanya asked the group to compile a list of their presentations so educators can be exposed to more opportunities.
- Freebird talked about his work with teacher recruitment initiatives.
- LaTanya discussed her intentions to visit each of the GTAC group members' schools to talk to teachers there.
- LaTanya discussed ways to be more intentional in the work the group does, and then mentioned section 3 of the group's plan to advise the governor and serve as education ambassadors for him.

LaTanya concluded this section by discussing the planning process for GTAC going forward over the next few months. In January, the workgroups will develop goals and objectives. In March, the workgroup chairs will compile and compose reports, and in April the Committee will review and approve these reports.

At 1:08 pm Governor Cooper arrived. He offered acknowledgements and discussed GTAC mission statement. He then discussed his political agenda for educators moving forward. The agenda includes higher teacher pay, teacher retention, professional development, master teacher pay, incentives to get students into the teaching profession, and expansion of the scholarship Teaching Fellows program.

Governor Cooper also mentioned that Medicaid expansion should be a goal of the current general assembly session.

Caroline Sullivan, Executive Director of the North Carolina Business Committee for Education, completed a presentation on the NCBCE's new work-based learning marketplace, the Navigator.

LaTanya Pattillo reiterated the roles of GTAC and reappointment.

A GTAC talked about the new GTAC mantra for social media, mentioning as a possibility "Celebrating the Excellence of NC's Teachers".

General body meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.