

## **Advisory Committee on Teaching and Learning (ACTL)**

### **Minutes**

**Syphax Building, rooms 254/256/258**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

**Present:** Bethany Zecher Sutton, Jenny Roahen Rizzo, Anne Paris, Cristina Diaz-Torres, Gerald Mann, Sarah Putnam, Kerri Hirsch, Kristin Devaney, Jackie Winkelvoss, Eileen Morrell, Katie Cochran, Chris Woolfe, Krista Ratwani, Lindsay Duch, Rena Cutlip-Mason, Jess Mueller, Erik Johnson, Wendy Pizer, Jimisha Relerford, Sarah Evans, Tia Alfred, Susan Schonfeld, Janet Sater, Kathy Pericak, Rachel Whirley, Desiree Jaworski, Merrit Gillard, Belinda Folb

Attending via Teams: Michael Cieslak

**7:00 pm, Welcome and approval of September 7 meeting minutes** (Jenny Roahen Rizzo and Anne Paris)

**7:05, Introductory remarks** (Dr. Gerald Mann)

**7:10, Presentation from Office of School Support** (Kristin Devaney)

Kristin Devaney, Supervisor of Counseling Services, gave a presentation on school climate and culture, with a focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Key Takeaways from Kristin's presentation:

--Starting this year, every school has at least one staff member designated as that school's SEL Lead to guide SEL curricular resource development at their school, analyze their schools' data, and develop action plans.

--Elementary schools should have 20-30 minutes of daily time focused on SEL instruction (ex: in Daily Morning Meetings). Secondary schools should have 30 minutes twice a week focused on SEL instruction (ex: during advisory periods). The lessons should follow the Virginia SEL Guidance Standards and emphasize areas of focus identified by survey data (2022 Your Voice Matters survey and 2022 SEL Survey).

--APS will again conduct SEL surveys for our students in grades 3-12 to inform curriculum that builds and reinforces prosocial skills. The surveys will be conducted in late Oct 2022 and April 2023.

**7:30, Full group Q&A** (Bethany Zecher Sutton)

**7:45, Discussion in breakout groups**

Attendees split into two groups for discussion, one focusing on Elementary Schools and one focusing on Middle and High Schools.

**8:10, Full group Q&A to address questions from the group discussions** (Bethany Zecher Sutton)

**8:25, Meeting wrap-up** (Bethany Zecher Sutton)

**8:30, Meeting Adjourned**