

Advisory Committee on Teaching and Learning (ACTL)

Minutes

Syphax Building, rooms 254/256/258

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Present: Janet Sater, Sheryl Adler, Anne Paris, Katie Sunderland, Trisha Anderson, Tia Alfred, Melissa Hyatt, Cloe Chin, Kelli Bergin, Courtney Markle, Todd Truitt, Heather Toronjo, Emily Chua, Nathaniel Green, Alice Rose Tewell, Amy Graham, Chris Fuller, Terri Murphy, Jamie McHenry, Katie Cochran, Gerald Mann, Ginnie Gordon, Kristin Devaney, Mike Miller, Jimisha Relerford, Alice Burke, Jill Abbott, Wendy Pizer, Shannon Brady, Jenny Roahen Rizzo, Mike Cieslak, Terri Murphy, Sarah Cruz, Cheryl McCullough, Kerri Hirsch, Sarah Putnam

Attending via Zoom: Kate Merrill

6:30 pm, Mixer

7:00 pm, Welcome; Approve minutes from June and September meetings; Review meeting norms
(Jenny Roahen Rizzo)

7:10 pm, Literacy presentation (Sarah Cruz, Terri Murphy, Cheryl McCullough, Kerri Hirsch, Sarah Putnam) – Staff gave a brief update on implementing the Science of Reading in elementary schools and a detailed presentation on enhanced and new strategies being implemented to grow literacy in secondary schools. In addition to describing strategies being used across the board, staff described specific strategies for English Learners, advanced learners, and students with disabilities. Q&A followed the presentations.

8:10, Breakout groups on how ACTL reps can engage their school communities around literacy

8:25, Further information on the opportunity for ACTL to give input in the Planning Factor Study; Further information on the Instructional Vision, Academic Program Pathways, the pause in the middle school boundary process, and possible ACTL input on the Boundary policy revision
(Jenny Roahen Rizzo)

8:30, meeting ends