

January 21, 2015

The first 2015 Great Prairie AEA Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 in the Smith Conference Room of the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center, 200 North Main in Fairfield, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order by Chief Administrator Dr. Jon Sheldahl at 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Steve McAllister, New London, Kevin Crall, Albia, Sarah McGlothlen, Ottumwa, Shannon Webb, Sigourney, Tom Messinger, Burlington, Kathy Hamilton, Fort Madison, Susan Menke, Fort Madison, Tim Hadley, Pekin, Patricia ErkenBrack, Oskaloosa, Aaron Becker, Fairfield, and Karen Swanson, Ottumwa

Absent: Russ Reiter, Oskaloosa, Nathan Wood, Ottumwa, Lisa Phillips, Fairfield, and Bill Maupin, Burlington

Also Present: Dr. Jon Sheldahl, Nancy Brown, Jennifer Woodley, Dr. Angelisa Fynaardt, Dr. Lonna Anderson, and Dr. Sally Lindgren

Dr. Sheldahl welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the AEA Advisory Committee for 2015. He reviewed the Purpose of the Committee and provided copies of the Recommendations that were made by last year's Advisory Committee.

Dr. Lonna Anderson, Director of Instructional Services, Dr. Sally Lindgren, Director of Technology and Innovation, and Dr. Angelisa Fynaardt, Associate Administrator for Great Prairie Area Education Agency, provided information for Committee members on current State priorities, including Early Literacy and Teacher Leadership Compensation, through a PowerPoint presentation that has been posted to the GPAEA website for reference.

Committee members discussed the information that was presented and considered essential actions for the area education agency and the local school districts. They ended with an activity of posting their thoughts on what services the AEA should continue to provide; what the AEA should stop providing; and what new professional development opportunities they would like to see provided by the AEA.

Dr. Fynaardt reminded Advisory members that the second meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on April 29, 2015 from 11:30 – 1 p.m. at the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center. She noted that the 2015-2016 Recommendations to be submitted to the Great Prairie AEA Board of Directors for approval will be developed at that meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.