



**Great Prairie AEA Advisory Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2013**

Present:

Dr. Jon Sheldahl, Chief Administrator, Great Prairie AEA
Dona Goettsche, Director of Instructional Services, Great Prairie AEA
Jennifer Woodley, Communication Specialist, Great Prairie AEA
Nancy Brown, Communication Specialist, Great Prairie AEA

Bob Carr, Principal, Burlington Notre Dame (Non Public)
Kevin Crall, Superintendent, Albia
Patricia Edenbrack, Teacher-Librarian, Oskaloosa (Media/Tech/Counselor)
Kim Harmon, Principal
Nicole Herdrich, Principal, Central Lee (Elementary)
Susan Martin, Teacher, Davis County (Elementary)
Suzan Menke, Teacher, Fort Madison (Middle)
Steve McAllister, Superintendent, New London
Lisa Phillips, Parent, Fairfield
Russ Reiter, Superintendent, Oskaloosa

- Chief Administrator Sheldahl and Associate Administrator Goettsche reviewed and lead discussion with the attached PowerPoint.
- Large Group Discussion: What additional questions do you have about the new governance structure, compact between the DE/AEAs and reciprocal accountability?
 - Sounds great to partner for students success and accountability from both, districts and AEA
 - AEA provides great support for Special Education
 - How realistic is this with budget cuts looming? The purpose is to build capacity within the districts - it might not happen this year or next, but eventually services will become focused
 - Appreciate and like what I hear concerning a new process
 - In the past we would go to AEA and get, get, get good information and then decide what to adopt at the building. The past two years we have had more onsite focused trainings, but agency-wide - will that still continue?
 - Concern: we need better early intervention and identifying children early for support before Kindergarten (between 3-5)
 - There are community programs out there, separate from the AEA - how can you partner with those groups to serve Early Childhood? Children First (Lee & Van Buren County)
 - Looking at measuring success - we will hold the AEA accountable, but how will you hold the district/building accountable?
 - What do success look like? This has to be scripted, so that we are all accountable for every student's success
 - In this model we have to get out of the paradigm that we only get better between September and May - we must be flexible to collaborate in June, July & August
 - Discussion about Smarter Balance - information should come out this week



- “Early Intervention is so important and my daughter Taylor is succeeding because we were proactive and had support from the AEA.”
- Next meeting is April 17, 2013