

Michigan PreK-12 Literacy Commission Minutes

December 20, 2018

Great Lakes Room, Library of Michigan, Michigan Department of Education

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Commissioners in Attendance: Amanda Price (Chair), John Kennedy, Steve Goodman, Cynthia Pape, Kyle Mayer, Punita Thurman, Susan Medendorp, Naomi Norman (Vice Chair), Denise Smith (Secretary), JaNel Jamerson (via GoToMeeting), Nadra Shami (via GoToMeeting)

Others in Attendance: Sean Kottke, Angela O'Brien

1. Welcome & Updates

- Commissioners shared updates on their respective work since last meeting
- Amanda shared a passage from Brené Brown's *Dare to Lead*
- Amanda discussed the future of the Commission after the New Year, and the possibility that Launch Michigan would be recommending a legislatively defined Commission of literacy researchers and experts

2. [Review Literacy Commission Recommendations spreadsheet](#)

- Amanda, Naomi, Denise and Kyle shared findings from the three listening sessions at Flint, EMU and MASA, focusing on core recommendations shared by participants in the three sessions and their alignment to the Commission's Strategic Plan (see Summary tab).
- Commissioners reviewed five major themes among the strategic plan around which to build recommendations: Birth-Age 8 System, Build Awareness Statewide, Educator Preparation and Professional Learning, Comprehensive role of literacy across all sectors at the state and community level, Equitable System Structures (addressing funding, poverty, race, consolidation).
- Commissioners collaborated on generating ideas for action/output recommendations in three of the strategic areas (see Action Planning tab).
- A Doodle poll will be sent out to determine the next meeting for January. A virtual meeting to work on the information in this spreadsheet will be held.

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