Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Ms. Kimberly Pogue, Ms. Melanie Shapiro

MSDE Staff in Attendance: Mr. Shane McCormick

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m.

The subcommittee members discussed establishing a list of questions the members would like answered before reaching out to stakeholders. Dr. Lawson stated that she had found little historical documentation regarding the management of juvenile facilities prior to the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). Dr. Lawson stated she would reach out to Ms. Grace Reusing, Office of the Public Defender of Maryland, because Ms. Reusing stated during a previous work group meeting she had some information on the topic that could be useful. Ms. Shapiro stated she would also be willing to speak to Ms. Reusing.

Ms. Pogue discussed some of her research regarding school calendars in other states. Ms. Pogue stated she had not gotten far into her research but was able to find some information on the school calendar in the District of Columbia and the States of Washington and Florida. Ms. Pogue shared that the State of Washington operates on a 180-day calendar, but also operates some dates during the summer. Ms. Pogue also found that the State of Florida operates on a 250-day calendar.

Dr. Lawson asked the members to submit their research in a format that can be collected and shared with the full work group. Dr. Lawson stated that she intends to invite Ms. Amalie Brandenburg, Deputy State Superintendent for Finance, to present during a future work group meeting on the funding plan for the Noyes pilot. Ms. Shapiro expressed some questions regarding the funding for JSES, specifically the period when the per pupil cost begins. Ms. Shapiro stated that the subcommittee should consider recommending a contemporaneous enrollment plan for students in transition between their home-school and juvenile facility during the detention period. Ms. Pogue discussed the discrepancy from her experiences with Montgomery County Public Schools.

The subcommittee discussed the feasibility of adopting a new code of regulations to allow for dual enrollment for students in transition between their home-school and a juvenile facility. Dr. Lawson expressed the subcommittee should discuss the topic with the transition subcommittee as it may fall more under their research focus.
Ms. Pogue shared copies of the school calendars that she had located; Dr. Lawson encouraged the subcommittee members to disseminate any literature they find with the other members throughout the research process. Dr. Lawson asked Ms. Shapiro what topics she agreed to cover. Ms. Shapiro stated she was researching operations management of the educational component within juvenile facilities.

Dr. Lawson expressed her hope the subcommittee will have information in writing to present to the full work group during the next meeting.

The subcommittee discussed surveying teaching staff to gauge their thoughts on the length of the school calendar. Ms. Pogue shared that they had surveyed staff at the Alfred D. Noyes Center (Noyes), and the reaction to the appropriate calendar length varied depending on the staff and their years of experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.