

Governor's Education Excellence Commission
Monday, May 24, 2010
Capitol Board Room
9:00AM-12:00 PM

1. Welcome: Governor Gary Herbert

- ✓ Thank you for your continued commitment and diligence to this Commission.
- ✓ Today we will receive status reports from three individuals, and after the break we will begin the fun stuff – the goal- and priority-setting process.
- ✓ With a full understanding of where we are today, we will begin the important process of identifying the priorities and goals for this Commission.

2. Members attending:

Governor Gary Herbert
Mary Jane Morris
Debra Roberts
Richard Nelson
Tamara Lowe
Mark Bouchard
Larry Shumway
Lane Beattie
Bonnie Jean Beesley
Carl Boyington
Chris Kearn
Stan Albrecht
Ron Wolff
Deborah Bayle

Lt. Governor Greg Bell
Mike Bouwhuis
Bill Sederburg
Luana Searle
Ilene Mecham
Sen. Pat Jones
Rep. Greg Hughes
Kim Campbell
Brian Allen
Sen. Howard Stephenson
Jim Wall
Robyn Bagley
JoDee Sundberg
Rep. David Litvack

3. Members excused:

Pam Perlich
Senator Howard Stephenson
Commissioner Bill Sederburg

4. Other Attendees:

Media Representatives
Public Representatives
Angie Welling

Carson Howell
Mike Kjar
Paul Neuenschwander

Carson Howell
Mike Kjar

Colene Tucker
Glenn Cerepovich

5. Commission received status reports from:

- Dr. Andrea Rorrer, University of Utah Education Policy Center – “Early Childhood – Birth to age 5” (See presentation)
- John Yarrington, President of the Home School Association –
 - Our goal is to help parents become good “Mentors” for their children, we don’t stress that they be “Teachers.”
 - Home Schooling is growing in numbers. It is a 30-year organization with 6,500 families on record. This includes 20,000 students, and could be as many as 50,000 with no tracking system.
- Charlie Johnson, Utah Advisory Commission to Optimize State Government
 - Provided an update on the work of the Optimization Commission as it relates to education
 - Utah has the first Apple I School in the country in Ivins, Utah. This uses technology that allows teachers to get real-time feed back on student progress. Apple computers are providing technology for specific Utah Charter school students in a pilot program.
 - The goal of the Commission is to increase the quality of education with the resources available.

Other requests from Commission members:

What else is needed?

1. **Online virtual schools**
2. **Salt Lake Chamber Education-Mark Bouchard**
 - A. Would like to present their education agenda in the July commission meeting
3. **Listing new changes and benchmarks**
 - A. Utah’s UPASS assessment reform changes
4. **Broader definition of student achievement**
 - A. Connections with educated workforce
5. **Programs to help parents at home-Parents as teachers**
 - A. Resources for parents
 - B. Importance of reading to a child
 - C. Campaign to assist parents and website
 - D. Parents as teachers
 - E. Family Resource Centers Information
 - F. Parental involvement-incentive to parents

- G. PTA tools for parents
 - 1. What does the research say about community involvement?
 - 2. How do you measure other things to determine school success?

6. **Charter Schools – What they are doing to help parents and students to succeed?**

- A. Teaching parents English - dual immersion schools
- B. Refugee school to help parents

7. **Counseling – What is being done to help students?**

- A. Counsel with parents
- B. Students engaging with business community

8. **Review of Best Practices**

- A. What's working
- B. Exemplary programs

9. **What does the customer want?**

- A. Readdress the consumer
- B. Workforce needs
- C. Training
- D. What does the business community want to see out of all this?
- E. Who is the customer and what is the product?
 - Parents
 - Taxpayer
 - Students
 - Business

10. **Mastery Learning vs. Seat Time**

Meeting Adjourned 12:00 PM