



## A New Vision for Literacy Research in Iowa

**Date:** February 1, 2016

**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Iowa Reading Research Center, Iowa City, Zoom Presentation**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bunde, Kim Buryanek, Kara Dietrich, Mark Draper, Salli Forbes, Clark Goltz, Amy Hutchison, Brad McDowell, Becky Miles-Polka, Sarah Ramsey, Claudia Reyes-Fry, Renita Schmidt, Dave Tilly, Cathy Wilt, Lindsay Woodward

**Ad Hoc Members Present:** Larry Bice, Geri McMahon

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:** Deborah Reed, Sandy Schmitz, Melissa Potter, Elizabeth Decker, Priscilla Polehna

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order / Approve Agenda**

Approval of Meeting	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
Agenda	Amy Hutchison	None

**Notes:** Amy Hutchison called the meeting to order. Hutchison read the agenda to the members and called for approval. Mark Draper made a motion to approve the agenda and Salli Forbes seconded the motion. There was no discussion, all members present voted for approval, none opposed. The meeting's agenda was approved as written.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of December Minutes**

Approval of December Meeting Minutes	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
	Amy Hutchison	Minutes of December—remove DRAFT watermark and post on website

**Notes:** The December minutes had been previously sent to members for review. Hutchison asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes. Deborah Reed asked if any member of the Council would like to act as Parliamentarian for the day. Draper volunteered for the duty. Draper called for a motion to approve the minutes of December's Council meeting. A motion was made by Cathy Wilt to approve the minutes and a second was made by Draper. All members present voted for approval, none opposed. The minutes were approved as written.



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### **AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

Time allotted for public comment

**Lead**  
Sandy Schmitz

**Follow Up**  
None

**Notes:** No members of the general public were in attendance.

### **AGENDA ITEM: Report on the Legislative Breakfast**

Legislative Breakfast

**Lead**  
Deborah Reed  
Mark Draper  
Jason Ellingson

**Follow Up**  
None

**Notes:** Reed shared photos of our posters at the Legislative Breakfast held on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines. Draper, who was also in attendance at the event, gave a summary of the breakfast, saying that the legislators were very interested in the topics presented. Dave Tilly said that the conversations in the room were good, and that all the right leaders were in attendance. Reed thanked Council members for inviting their legislators to attend the event and asked that members please thank their legislators for attending.

### **AGENDA ITEM: Update on IRRRC Initiatives**

ELL Family Resources  
Web and Social Media  
ISRP Rules  
ISRP Study

**Lead**  
Priscilla Polehna  
Melissa Potter  
Sandy Schmitz  
Deborah Reed

**Follow Up**

**Notes:** Priscilla Polehna spoke about the review of ELL resources and that the original list has been narrowed down to the final, best resources. Facilitation guides are being developed to aid the professionals that will be teaching parents how to use the websites. Polehna spoke about how the guides will be piloted with ELL professionals before they are available to districts. The timeline for completion is this spring.

Melissa Potter showed the new design and organization of the IRRRC website. Potter described the changes as necessary to give better ease of navigation and access to the materials. Potter also shared data regarding the increase of visitors to the site and social media engagement rates.



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Sandy Schmitz asked Tilly to discuss the progression of the Intensive Summer Reading Rules. Tilly explained that the rules have now passed through the second round of the Administrative Rules Committee and have been fully enacted.

Reed gave an update on the Summer Study Pilot. She shared a chart with the number of districts that have submitted a letter of support and the number of groups of 15 students by AEA. The schedule of the required professional development is being created to ensure that teachers involved in the ISRP study are trained in their randomly assigned condition. Reed asked for feedback from the Council on whether it makes sense to combine smaller groups of teachers from multiple AEAs into one professional development session, and pay teacher travel. Council members agreed that combining smaller groups of teachers from multiple AEAs was an efficient and reasonable approach to providing the professional development.

### **AGENDA ITEM: Partner Agency Share Out**

Salli Forbes, UNI

**Lead**

**Follow Up**

Becky Miles-Polka,

Amy Hutchison

Campaign for Grade Level  
Reading

**Notes:** Forbes spoke about the work of the Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy. She spoke about her work with the Reading Recovery Center and the Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy. Becky Miles-Polka informed the Council of Grade Level Reading Day in Iowa, Monday, February 22. She also informed the Council that Hedy Chang, from Attendance works, will be in Iowa, in April, for a training day with grade level reading.

### **AGENDA ITEM: Adjournment**

May Meeting

**Lead**

**Follow Up**

Adjourn

Sandy Schmitz

Amy Hutchison

**Notes:** Schmitz reminded the Council that the next meeting is in May. This meeting will be held in Des Moines at the AIB campus. Hutchison called for the motion to adjourn the meeting, Draper moved, Kim Buryanek made the second, all present voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.