



Student Reading Success Through Research and Collaboration

**Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC)
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2017
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Iowa Center for Higher Education**

Members present: Kimberly Buryanek, Angelica Cardenas-Chaisson, Kara Dietrich, Becky Miles-Polka, Joe Crozier, David Tilly, Jaci Jarmes, Ryan Wise, Gabriel Twedt, Mike Bunde.

Additional attendees: Deborah K. Reed, IRRC Director; Sandy Schmitz, IRRC Assistant Director; Jamie Johnson, IRRC Administrative Services Coordinator.

Guests: Phil Wise and Shan Sievert, DE Policy Advisor

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by IRRC Advisory Council (AC) Chair Kimberly Buryanek. All AC members introduced themselves and shared discussions they have had about the IRRC since the last Council meeting.

2. Approval of agenda

On a motion by David Tilly and seconded by Joe Crozier, the agenda for the meeting was approved as amended, with zero “no” votes.

3. Approval of September 2017 meeting minutes

Kara Dietrich suggested corrections for typos in the September 2017 meeting minutes. On a motion by Becky Miles-Polka seconded by Angelica Cardenas-Chaisson, the September 2017 meeting minutes were approved, with the aforementioned edit, with zero “no” votes.

4. Public comment

Chairperson Buryanek allowed time for public comment. No comments were made by members of the public.

5. Vote on IRRC bylaws amendment

On a motion by Joe Crozier seconded by Gabriel Twedt, the IRRC bylaw amendment was approved, with zero “no” votes.

6. Director’s report (IRRC)

2016-2017 accomplishments



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IRRC Director Deborah K. Reed discussed the IRRC Statewide Training-of-Trainers (TOT) scheduled for December 18 and 19. This is a second TOT session held upon the request of the participants from the September TOT. The December session is full with 150 registered participants and has a waitlist. More information on the professional development modules can be found on the IRRC website: <https://iowareadingresearch.org/professional-development-educators>.

Dr. Reed shared the results of the redesigned 2017 summer reading program in Council Bluffs. A report of the findings is available on the IRRC website: https://iowareadingresearch.org/sites/iowareadingresearch.org/files/cb_summer_2017_report_with_fast_dec_2017.pdf.

7. Report from Sioux City (IRRC)

Dr. Buryanek, associate superintendent of the Sioux City Community School District, presented data from Sioux City's implementation of small-group, skills-based instruction, and discussed the next steps being taken to continue the improvement of literacy proficiency within the school district. The IRRC has assisted with this effort since the summer of 2016.

8. IRRC Professional Development (IRRC)

Based on requests made by Advisory Council members, Dr. Reed presented "Instruction for adolescents who struggle with reading."

9. Iowa Department of Education update (Iowa Department of Education)

At this point, the IRRC portion of the meeting was temporarily ceded, and the Council was asked to serve in an advisory role to the Iowa Department of Education (DE).

DE Director Ryan Wise provided an update on the upcoming legislative session and department budget. Shan Sievert will be providing a weekly legislative update during the session. She said that anyone interested in receiving the update could provide Sievert with his or her email address.

DE Deputy Director David Tilly and Dr. Reed provided an update on the literacy blueprint committee.

The IRRC Advisory Council meeting then resumed.

10. Announcements from Council members

Dr. Buryanek told Council members what they needed to do in order to earn renewal units for serving on the AC.

Council member Becky Miles-Polka shared updates from her organization, Campaign for Grade Level Reading.



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Council member Joe Crozier shared information on the focused support that Grant Wood Area Education Agency is providing to the most struggling schools in its region. He expressed an interest in the teacher knowledge of reading survey that the IRRC has been using.

11. Adjourn

On a motion by Ryan Wise and seconded by Joe Crozier, the meeting was adjourned, with zero “no” votes.