

Latinx Student Success Advisory Group Meeting November 19, 2024, 2:00-4:00pm

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
2:00 pm	Welcome & Agenda Review Member voice: This group is doing important work, and eager to determine how to work together and support our students and community members as we navigate together. Members are engaged and reflective.	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
2:15 pm	Approval of June minutes • June's monthly meeting minutes were reviewed and motion was passed to approve by Advisory Group members.	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
2:17 pm	 Welcoming Activity Breakout groups: Considering all challenges and victories that you have experienced during the first few weeks of the school year, answer the following questions: What is filling your bucket right now? What is draining it? Group Discussion included: HS club meetings, volunteering, working with students 	Chair Osvaldo
2:32 pm	 Summary of SSP Retreat on 10/7/24 HIgh level overview: Held at the Salem Convention Center, and we had the pleasure to hear opening remarks from our OEDI Assistant Superintendent, Deb Lange as well as our ODE Agency Director Dr. Charlene Williams. Overview of schedule of the day, the trainings that were provided and breakout program time. Great to get to see everyone in person and spend time together as we have just recently brought on new Advisory Group members. 	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
2:37 pm	Public Meetings Law: Advisory Groups ■ This is a new update, we are now implementing new policies and procedures to comply with these new regulations. ■ Starting in December: □ All SSP Advisory Groups will comply with PML. □ We will continue posting the meeting agendas and minutes online on our website as we have previously.	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator

- We will be posting a public listen-only call-in conference line for the general public to listen in to the meeting.
- There will be key trainings provided.
- We await further details.
- Why does this apply to us?
 - PML applies to "governing bodies of public bodies" and a "public body" is defined as:
 - "The state, any regional council, county, city or district, or any municipal or public corporation; or any agency of those entities, such as a board, department, commission, council, bureau, committee, subcommittee, or advisory group." ORS 192.610(6)
 - If two or more members of any public body have "the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration" they are a "governing body." ORS 192.610
 - Advisory Group members are considered public officials.
- What meetings are subject to the rule?
 - Any meeting involving two or more members of an advisory group is subject to PML if the members are discussing anything substantive related to the group's work.
- The following scenarios are not subject to PML:
 - Chair/Vice-Chair meetings to create the agenda
 - Meetings of advisory group members for certain trainings or community building – stay away from discussion of issues central to the group's work.
 - Meetings between advisory group members at unrelated events – again, do not discuss anything related to the advisory group.
- Group Discussion:
 - As new members, what does this mean, and how will this impact or affect us as Advisory Group members?
 - Adult members will not have anonymity within this group. We are still working to better determine the specifics regarding minors.
 - Members voiced concern regarding the general public coming into the space and sharing hate speech, which is a protected voice.
 - This was noted that the general public will be

	able to access the meeting via a call-in only conference line. Members voiced concern over public recording the meetings on their own and then posting publicly or tagging individuals. There has been previous lived experience within this realm that was traumatizing.	
3:17 pm	Break	
3:22 pm	Assistant Superintendent Updates Gratitude to everyone who is here today, time is such a gift that we are never promised. Adage of recent family loss and the importance of time with everyone. We met with the DOJ earlier this summer and were originally told that we are not subject to PML, however that has recently changed as a new law was put into place. This put the PML under the Ethic Committee, and they added Advisory Groups to the list specifically which led us to need to comply. It is understandable that some individuals may not have understandably signed up to be a public servant and in the public spotlight in this way. Your concerns are very valid. There will be a two hour training which will be recorded and we will be sharing it out to all of our Advisory Group members. New changes that will be implemented: There will be a roll-call implemented. ODE will manage any written in public comment that is received. No public will be able to give voice during the meetings, but if written comment is given ODE will deal with that and provide any follow up as necessary in order to better insulate Advisory Group members. We will be posting our public meeting notice on our website, as well as a public forum. We will be posting minutes and agenda in a faster turn around as well, previously it has been one month behind as we await members review and approval. Moving forward we will be turning these around and posting within a week. Any emails that are sent out, as long as two or more members are involved then that would be subject to PML and public records requests. This pertains to in person, virtual meetings, and emails.	Deb Lange, Assistant Superintendent

	 Group Feedback & Discussion: For many years we have been doing this work unapologetically, and we are not about to stop. 	
3:50 pm	 Latino/a/x and Indigenous SSP Advisory Vice-Chair Duties This group runs on collective leadership. As we leave this meeting, take a minute to sit with the question of 'What is your why?'. We will review the roles and responsibilities of a Vice-Chair in greater detail at a later date, but think about what you would like to give, and the kind of leadership you feel this group would benefit from. 	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
3:52 pm	 Awardees for the Latinx Grants We have 17 grantees for the next grant cycle. Once these grantees are posted publicly we will be able to share more. We will be updating our Student Success Plan throughout the next year, and will share more about that in our next meeting. 	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
4:00 pm	Closure	Chair Osvaldo

Next Monthly Meeting: December 17th, 2024, 2:00 - 4:00pm