

Members Present: Wendy Swanson, Lynn Dubray, Anthony Nelson, Lori Laughlin, Anne Werpy, Tina Titze, Brenda Schmit, Steph Lebeda, Marcus Bevier, Sarah Carda, Shelly Shaw, Nicole Osmundson, Andrea Kost, Jackie Keil, Dawn Smith, Mary Stadick-Smith

Topic #1: Migrant and English Language Learners with Yutzil and Jenifer

- Many districts in our state have large migrant populations (ex: Watertown, Milbank, Brookings, Huron, Sioux Falls, as well as smaller districts who have formed consortiums)
- Dairies, Meat Packing plants and other agriculture job opportunities create the mobility of our migrant population
- 10 or more migrant children make districts able to qualify for Migrant funds
- 90% of migrant students are also ELL
- Resources available: “Migrant Literacy Net,” interpreters, free lunch, Head Start...these resources help to make sure all children are getting the education they need
- Acronyms: LEP – Limited English proficient, ELL – English Language Learner, ACCESS – test given to determine student qualification
- Primary languages in SD: Spanish, German, Hutterish, Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Nepali, and others
- 100 of 151 districts in SD have at least 1 ELL/Migrant student
- ELL Boot Camp provides opportunities for educators to learn about ELL needs in schools
- Some districts have programs in place to help with ELL/Migrant students moving into the district such as the “Newcomer” program in Huron, Cultural Nights, and Community Committees

Topic #2: Assessment Information with Abby

- Smarter Balance Assessment results were above the predicted expectations from the field test
- Results were also quite a bit higher than the 2013 NAEP Test results
- The data helps us to make sure we are meeting ALL of our students’ needs
- Some discussion on the gap groups in our state which include, ELL, Migrant, Native American, Hispanic, African American, Students with disabilities
 - We need to look at the success stories in our state and learn from them
- Discussion on student reports and what parents see
 - Concern shared regarding the timeliness of these reports being shared with teachers and parents
 - Interest in offering parents ideas on the reports to help students with their areas needing improvement
 - One online resource is “Great Schools” <http://www.greatschools.org/>
- Discussion about Science Assessment and Alternate Assessment
- SD’s report card went live on September 22, 2015
- At the elementary level, district scores are based on 80% Achievement and 20% Attendance Rate
- At the high school level, district scores are based on Achievement (the ACT, GED, etc) and the graduation/completion rates
- Discussion of where schools fall on the spectrum from Exemplary to Status to Progressing to Focus to Priority

Topic #3: Blue Ribbon Task Force presented by Abby and Mary

- Mary shared an overview of the work of the task force
- 20ish meetings have happened in our state
- Wendy shared about her experience in the Chamberlain meeting
 - A question was raised regarding education funding, what the formula looks like, etc.
- The task force is looking at new revenue sources such as through a sales tax, changes in the formula
- It is important that teacher salaries are impacted
- It is important to consider technology and innovation to offer distance education opportunities
- The next Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting is Thursday, October 1, and it is live-streamed
- Abby spent some time going over the data collected regarding teachers coming into the state, leaving the state, retiring, etc. as well as what it would take to maintain the status quo
- There are approximately 9,361 teachers in SD
- Enrollment is increasing with a projected 7,400 more students in the next 5 years
- Specific details regarding teachers can be found in Abby's presentation as well as on the DOE website

Topic #4: Secondary CTE Standards with Erin

- Discussion about what Career and Technical Education Standards are and what the clusters look like
- A request was made to have districts put openings for parent work groups on their websites, in local newspapers through press releases, etc.
- Could a parent listserv be created?
- Lori Laughlin will send out her website information regarding the Family Friendly Schools Project

Next meeting set for April 7, 2016