

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

STUDY COMMITTEE ON DYSLEXIA SCREENING

Minutes of the Meeting

October 9, 2019

11:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 1

Members Present:

Senator Paul Boyer, Chair
Ms. Stacy Fretheim
Ms. Meriah Houser
Ms. Becky Keller
Dr. Sandra Laine, Superintendent's designee
Kyrene School District

Representative Thomas "T.J." Shope Jr., Co-Chair
Representative Frank Carroll
Representative Jennifer Pawlik
Mr. Sean Ross

Members Excused:

Senator Sylvia Allen
Senator Lela Alston

Mr. Thomas Doebler
Dr. Jennifer Kirkpatrick

Staff:

Jeffrey Ong, Senate Research Analyst
Julia Paulus, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Chase Houser, House Research Analyst

Chairman Boyer called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Senator Boyer stated for the Committee's information, Dr. Sandra Laine is serving as a proxy for Dr. Jan Vesely. Attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Paul Boyer stated if there are no corrections, without objection, the Dyslexia Study Committee minutes dated September 25, 2019 will stand approved as distributed.

Senator Boyer gave opening remarks.

DISCUSSION OF DYSLEXIA SCREENING PLANS

Arizona Department of Education

Sean Ross, Deputy Associate Superintendent of K-12 Academic Standards, Arizona Department of Education, distributed and explained a PowerPoint

presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Education: Screening for Literacy Struggles" (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed the screening and assessment process.

Mr. Ross answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Stacy Fretheim, Speech-Language Pathologist, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Sandra Laine, Kyrene School District, offered comments.

Senator Boyer offered comments.

The Committee further discussed the screening, testing and training process.

Ms. Meriah Houser, Founder, Dyslexia Arizona Certified Barton Tutor, Phoenix Arizona, offered comments.

Mr. Ross continued to answer questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Boyer offered additional comments.

The Committee discussed possible dates for future meetings.

DISCUSSION OF TEACHER TRAINING AND EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA

Kyrene School District

Dr. Sandra Laine, Kyrene School District, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Dyslexia Committee, Training Considerations" (Attachment B) and distributed an informational packet containing "IMSE'S Orton-Gillingham Practicum" (Attachment C), "Certification Guidelines" (Attachment D) and "Independent Training Programs Accredited by IDA" (Attachment E). Dr. Laine answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Ross offered comments.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Senator Boyer called for public testimony, no one came forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

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