

# **ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE**

## **STUDY COMMITTEE ON DYSLEXIA SCREENING**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**October 30, 2019**

**11:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 109**

#### **Members Present:**

Senator Paul Boyer, Chair  
Senator Sylvia Allen  
Thomas Doebler  
Stacy Fretheim  
Meriah Houser  
Becky Keller

Representative Thomas "T.J." Shope Jr., Co-Chair  
Representative Frank Carroll  
Representative Jennifer Pawlik (via telephone)  
Sean Ross  
Dr. Jan Vesely

#### **Members Excused:**

Senator Lela Alston

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 11:06 a.m.

Senator Boyer stated that Representative Pawlik would be joining via telephone and attendance was taken.

Senator Boyer distributed a copy of comments from Dr. Jennifer Kirkpatrick regarding screening components (Attachment A).

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Senator Boyer stated that if there are no corrections, without objection, the Dyslexia Study Committee minutes dated October 9, 2019 will stand approved as distributed.**

#### **PRESERVICE AND IN-SERVICE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS TO ADDRESS DYSLEXIA IDENTIFICATION**

#### **Kyrene School District**

**Dr. Jan Vesely, Superintendent, Kyrene School District,** gave a brief overview of Kyrene School District funding and introduced Dr. Laine.

**Dr. Sandra Laine, Kyrene School District**, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Kyrene School District – Dyslexia Study Committee" (Attachment B). Dr. Laine further explained the costs related to interventions at Kyrene School District.

Dr. Vesely continued a brief overview regarding K-3 funds at Kyrene School District.

The Committee shared comments for the presentation mentioned above.

### **Great Hearts Academy**

**Mr. Thomas Doebler, Great Hearts Academy**, offered comments and spoke about their training approach for teachers and explained the costs for interventions at Great Hearts Academy. Mr. Doebler answered questions posed by the Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCHOOL INTERVENTIONS**

### **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 "SB 1318: What Happens After Screening?" (Attachment C) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed their concerns and shared comments for the presentation mentioned above.

## **FUNDING FOR PUPILS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING INDICATORS OF DYSLEXIA**

The Committee discussed and shared their comments regarding the Move On When Reading funds.

Senator Boyer offered comments and asked the Committee members for recommendations to discuss at the next meeting.

Senator Boyer asked if there was any further discussion.

The Committee further discussed and shared additional comments for recommendations at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Melissa Schwartz, parent of a child with dyslexia**, explained her background and outlined her recommendations to help students diagnosed with dyslexia.

Attached is a list noting the individual who registered her position on the agenda items (Attachment D).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imee L. Andrew  
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center,  
Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)