



MEMBER MEETING
Monday, November 5, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

SPECIAL ILERT/ISBE GROWTH MODEL ASSESSMENT FORUM 9:00 – 12:00

SPEAKER/FACILITATOR: YEOW MENG THUM, PH.D. (MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY)

DR. THUM IS A LEADER IN RESEARCH PERTAINING TO THE DESIGN OF GROSS PRODUCTIVITY INDICATORS (GROWTH MODEL ASSESSMENT). SOME OF HIS RECENT STUDIES EXAMINE INDICATORS OF INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE, IN THE CONTEXT OF EVALUATING TEACHER AND SCHOOL PRODUCTIVITY USING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS. HE WAS FORMALLY WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND THE CONSORTIUM ON CHICAGO SCHOOL RESEARCH AND NOW IS ON THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

Importance of Student Learning in School Accountability: Value-added analysis with Growth Models.

Key issue: Cross sectional analysis along with the variable of migration can produce a false picture of gross productivity.

- Must be clear in regard to objective
- Why Growth? Tell us something that status alone does not say.
Growth at different levels of an organization are complementary descriptions of the “health” of a changing system.
- Terminology
- A more effective agent =
over time shows more improvement (student, teacher, etc)
over time, shows more change in improvement.
KEY – comparison of changes vs comparison of status
- Index Score method – CA (convert scores to an index i.e. quintiles)
- A good model accurately “predicts” student growth over time.
- Tennessee Model was reviewed. Regression example.

Two ILERT goals.

1. Advocate for NCLB changes to a more appropriate proficiency model.
2. Support Illinois (ISBE) processes and analysis toward data assessment changes.
 - a. Reconvene committee?
 - b. Support further professional development in assessment and instruction.
 - c. Explore and Plan included in 07-08 budget

LUNCH - 12:00 TO 12:30

ILERT MEMBER MEETING – 12:30 TO 2:00

CONVENED AT 1:30.

I) NEW MEMBER REQUESTS

VOICE WILL REQUEST MEMBERSHIP AT OUR NEXT MEETING

II) MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATES

III) OFFICER REPORTS

- a) MEETING MINUTES
 - i) AUGUST 13, 2007

IASBO REPRESENTATIVES JEFF ENDRES AND BILL PHILLIPS WERE OMITTED.

MOTION BY ROE, 2ND BY EDO - MOTION PASSED.

LUDA ABSTAINS DUE TO ABSENCE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

- b) TREASURER'S REPORT

CURRENT BALANCE \$17,931.05

MOVED IASBO, LUDA

IV) ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

- a) BIMP STATUS

CAL JACKSON REPORTED ON BIMP AND EXPECTATION OF GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL.

2ND PAYMENT IS A CURRENT EXPECTATION, PENDING APPROVAL. SCENARIOS ARE ON THE WEB REGARDING EACH DISTRICT ALLOCATION. AMOUNT OUTSTANDING WILL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED OVER REMAINING CHECKS.

b) ILERT ACTION

NO ILERT ACTIONS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. CURRENT POSITION

V) FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

c) REAUTHORIZATION OF NCLB

i) CURRENT STATUS

ii) NEXT STEPS FOR ILERT IN REGARD TO NCLB (FOLLOW-UP ON MORNING SESSION)

LUDA suggested various talking points be developed for members to use in their organizations. IEA and IFT have information. Chamber of Commerce in Springfield made a release on changes.

VI) ISBE UPDATES

STATE BOARD IN 4TH BUDGET HEARING. ILERT MAY VOICE SOMETHING.

ISBE BUDGET CAN BE A FOCUS.

SUPT/SCHOOL BUSINESS MENTORING. STANDARDS' ALIGNED CLASSROOMS.

IMAGE TEST PEER REVIEW WAS DISCUSSED. UNAPPROVABLE STATUS. ACCOMODATIONS ON ISAT AND PRAIRIE STATE ARE CURRENT RESPONSE (CURRENTLY REVIEWING A LIST OF 50 POSSIBLE ACCOMODATIONS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE MEASURES). DEVELOPING A NEW ASSESSMENT FOR TWO YEARS FROM NOW.

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN (MEDIA SPECIALISTS) PROPOSED RULES WERE DISCUSSED.

II) NEW BUSINESS

a) ACCOUNTABILITY/REFORM DISCUSSION

i) FEBRUARY 11 MEETING FOCUS AND ORGANIZATION

b) OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Keep Roundtable visible.

Capital Fax list serve? Or Rich Miller connection.

Monthly newsletter? Updates.

III) INFORMATION

a) ILERT WEBSITE CONCEPT DESIGN

WILL BE DISRIBUTED BY E-MAIL FOR INPUT.

IV) REGULAR MEETING DATES (LOCATIONS TBD)

(1) FEBRUARY 11, 2008

(2) MAY 12, 2008

ADJOURNED AT 2:07. MOTION ROE, 2ND IASBO.