

Meeting Takeaways and Recommendations

Fiscal Responsibility

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Date:	January 18, 2022	Time:	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	Microsoft TEAMS		
Chair:	Justin Owen		
Members in Attendance:	<p>Justin Owen Katherine Hudgins Chris Littleton Tom Tunnicliffe Harry Brooks Michael Hendrix Jim Ethier Kate Thompson David Perdue Karen King Tara Bergfield Senator Shane Reeves Jeremy Faison</p> <p><i>*Member names in bold indicate those present for this meeting.</i></p>		

2. DIRECTIONS

Topic

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Please list finalize any recommendations you have. Continue to name the level of prioritization for each. Please also consider the draft initial framework in your discussions. Subcommittees may choose to edit their document from last meeting in lieu of this document.

Next, please consider policy questions outlined in this document. Subcommittees may provide more policy ideas or considerations as well. This meeting and next meeting will include this work.

Subcommittee Supports and Services Prioritization

	SUBCOMMITTEE FEEDBACK AND REFLECTIONS
BASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specifically call out SROs in the district-specific needs section• Nurses – flexibility for staffing these positions (nursing shortage at this time)• Career coaches – fold into the counselor category for grades 6-9• Want to make sure that all things currently funded are adequately funded in the new formula (transportation, HR personnel, Instructional Coaches, etc.)• Data management
WEIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

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DIRECT FUNDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal PK4 – this includes some facility considerations – this money should truly follow the child – parents should get to choose where this money is spent. This would possibly help avoid spending a lot of money on facility costs •
OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready graduate – flexibility in this area as things shift (ex. colleges moving away from ACT) • WBL and Apprenticeships – add word completion (not just enrolling) • Align high school measures to HOPE standards • Growth measures for students in K-12 – include growth for ACT • Items currently tracked on report card to encompass lower grades • 3rd grade reading proficiency (referenced a document from Ohio)

Subcommittee Policy Reflections and Feedback

Policy Idea	Subcommittee Feedback
Policy: Definition of Economically Disadvantaged	Current: Direct Certification Recommendation to return to something similar to Free and Reduced lunch applications or at least a clear way to define ED (will revisit this in meeting 6)

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Policy: Definition of Concentration of Poverty	Current: Attending a Title I School
Policy: Definition of Sparsity	Current: Students per square mile (federal is 10, but the range is 10-25 students)
Policy: Teacher Salaries	Question: What, if any, requirements should the formula require on investing new education dollars into existing educator salaries moving forward?
Policy: Teacher Salaries	Question: Are there any other policies for teacher salaries that should be included?
Policy: Tutoring	Question: This is required for students who score at "Below" on the 3 rd grade TCAP beginning SY23-24. Should there be funding included in the formula for this legally required support?
Policy: CTE	Question: Please review the CTE content and provide feedback on how TN may choose to address CTE considerations.
Policy: K-2 Weight	Question from the Steering Committee: How might you consider a K-2 weight or additional investment in the earlier grades?
Policy: Outcomes	Question from the Steering Committee: They would like to see outcomes options for middle school. What outcomes does your subcommittee recommend?
Policy: Outcomes	Question from the Steering Committee: They would like to see other outcomes options for elementary school. What outcomes does your subcommittee recommend?
Policy: Accountability	Question from the Steering Committee: What accountability measures should be included in any new formula proposal, or what ideas do you have?
Policy: Reporting	Question: What information should be included in public reporting for school and for district level financials?

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Policy: Funding Year	Question: Should funding reflect the current year or the prior year (as it does now)? For fast-growing districts, it may be beneficial to receive the funds in real time to meet the costs of that year and for declining enrollment districts, it may be harder to adjust budgets in real time. Given that challenge, are there mitigation ideas?
Policy: ADM Shifts	Question: Student enrollment may fluctuate down in a given year (up or down). Should there be any consideration for hold harmless or fixed costs, or should the funding be specific and reflective of the actual enrollment?
Policy: Maintenance of Effort	Question: How should we consider Maintenance of Effort at the local level? (It provides consistent funding but may deter local investment because of the requirement to continue).
Policy: Professional Development and Training	Question: Are there any professional development opportunities or additional supports that should be provided?
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