

SBE RETREAT PLANNING FOR JULY MEETING

BACKGROUND

SBE members Kris Mayer and Connie Fletcher, in consultation with members of the Executive Committee, created a draft list of topics for consideration by the full Board. The purpose of the discussion at the May meeting will be to identify the topics Board members would like to focus on at the July retreat. The intent is to use one and a half days of the three-day July Board meeting for the retreat.

The format and topics for consideration are as follows:

- I. Engage a facilitator so that all members of SBE can participate in the discussion.
- II. Spend some time on reflection of accomplishments and engagement—how members would like to be engaged during regular meetings; how members expect to be engaged outside of meetings.
- III. Frame the central discussion around the following questions: How can SBE maintain the momentum of its goals/initiatives in the coming year? What leverage does SBE have at the state level to make progress on key policy issues? Include in the discussion:
 - a. Oversight role of the Board—what does it mean in practice to “provide advocacy and strategic oversight of public education?”
 - b. Governance:
 - i. What are the specific governance options the Board wants to support?
 - ii. How does SBE want to engage stakeholders in a conversation about governance?
 - iii. What kind of public awareness campaign does SBE envision?
 - c. Indicators of progress that will help SBE track system trends related to readiness of K-12 students to move on to the next step beyond high school.
 - d. Online learning—how do we anticipate and respond to the policy issues associated with online learning?
 - e. Lessons from states that were awarded Race to the Top grants—what’s working or not working in the initiatives undertaken to date?
 - f. Early learning linkages.
- IV. Include time for something fun.

EXPECTED ACTION

Members will be asked to identify the main topics for discussion at the July retreat. No action will be taken.