

TASK FORCE REPORT



Graduation Requirements Task Force

DECEMBER 2, 2021 MEETING SUMMARY

Jim McNiece and Jarred Fuhrman opened the meeting with a couple announcements. The Task Force leadership team is preparing a six-month progress report that will be presented at the Wednesday, Dec. 15 State Board of Education meeting in Topeka. The meeting is livestreamed and can be viewed from the link below. The presentation begins at approximately 10:40 a.m.

<https://www.ksde.org/Board/Kansas-State-Board-of-Education/Streaming-Media>

They also announced that the Jan. 20 Task Force meeting will occur in person from 1 to 4 p.m. at the offices of the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), 1420 SW Arrowhead. Note the change in time.

Next, the three sub-committees met in breakout rooms to focus on their specific proposals, which will be presented to the full Task Force at the group's Jan. 20 meeting. The areas they are working on and the sub-committee leaders are:

- Graduation courses added or deleted – Christie Meyer
- Mastery of skills and competencies – Ed Raines
- Value-added diplomas – Kelly Nusser

Summaries of the day's discussions were given. Jay Scott spoke for Group No. 1 on Thursday in Christie's absence. In general, each sub-committee reported on work to vet current recommendations, identify concepts to advance, and consider how approaches will impact different audiences.

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16. This will be to process questions or comments following the Task Force presentation to the State Board the prior day and to re-evaluate the timeline if necessary.

An updated calendar invitation will be emailed to members regarding details for Jan. 20, 2022 meeting.

Format: In person; a Zoom link remains available for those unable to travel.

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Location: KASB offices, 1420 SW Arrowhead, Topeka

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