

SSAC 10/19/23 Agenda and Minutes

1. Attendance: Terrell, Caroline, Brandon
2. SSAC recommendation
 - a. Draft rec circulated to members via email earlier in the week
 - b. Terrell provided more context for request for ES specialist, will research Qs asked to find data to supplement rec
 - c. Discussion of whether \$ should be spent on specialist vs other needs for teachers/need for more teachers; Terrell confirmed that admin in schools have asked for more support from the Dept so he believes there is a need
 - d. **Action item:** include a suggestion that more dollars should be spent on hiring teachers etc in addition to specialist, to improve classroom instruction
 - e. **Action item:** Terrell to supply a list of potential responsibilities for the position to include in an appendix to the recommendation
 - f. **Action item:** Caroline will work with Nate to revise draft in light of these suggestions and recirculate among the group to get feedback/approval with enough time to submit the draft to the larger ACTL in advance of 12/6 meeting (where Caroline and Nate will present to ACTL for their feedback)
3. Updates on state laws/APS policies re instruction
 - a. APS still waiting on framework to be provided by VA to implement new Social Studies standards, they will be implemented in 2025-26
 - b. Update on law re sexually explicit materials
 - i. Terrell confirmed that standardized language was given to all teachers to include in their syllabi/messages to parents
4. Update on surveying HS and recent grads re classroom experience and readiness for college/next phase (Mariam)
 - a. [tabled as Mariam was unable to attend]