**Virtual Learning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 15, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

The Virtual Learning Advisory Committee (VLAC) held a general committee meeting was held as a virtual Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 9:00-10:30AM. Dr. Meg Foley, Virtual Learning Coordinator and Mr. Reginald Fox, Virtual Learning Specialist presided the meeting starting with the welcome and virtual protocols. The disclaimer was provided on the screen that the meeting was held pursuant to the *2021 Appropriation Act language –*[SB7001](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?213+ful+SB7001) and *meeting by electronic means set forth in subsection C of*[*§ 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia*](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title2.2/chapter37/section2.2-3708.2/)*.*

Participants in attendance represent the following agencies, boards, and community:

Virginia Board of Education, Division Superintendents, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA), Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS), WHRO Public Media, Virtual Virginia (VVA), and Virtual Education Regulations Workgroup.

The agenda was presented followed by introductions of participants in attendance. Selected participants made presentations on relative topics, and discussion was held from the group.

Committee Purpose, Role, Term – Mr. Michael Bolling

* Advisory group: online courses, in-service training and digital instructional resources necessary for school divisions to meet graduation requirements.
* Strategic planning to expand blended and online learning opportunities in Virginia public schools, training, content and digital resources.
* Important role sharing experience, expertise & resources
* Commitment to meet twice annually

Virtual VA (VVA) Updates – Dr. Brian Mott

Dr. Brian Mott provided a Program Overview and Updates with the various Virtual VA programs to include student enrollment in full-time and part-time courses during the school year, summer courses, and professional development offerings by staff. He also gave an outlook and forecast of future enrollments and programs that Virtual VA plans to offer.

Virtual Teaching & Learning Overview – Mr. Michael Bolling

Mr. Bolling provide VDOE Updates and an overview of how Virtual Learning can be supported in Virginia. He also discussed opportunities for professional development offerings from VDOE.

Multidivision Online Provider (MOP) Updates – Dr. Meg Foley & Mr. Reggie Fox

The VDOE staff provided updates on the various Multidivision Online Providers offering an array of online courses that have been approved.

Digital Learning Integration Standards – Mr. Mark Saunders

Mr. Saunders provided details of the new Digital Learning Integration Standards with a timeline and overview of how the standards align with the current curriculum areas.

Technology Updates & Grants – Dr. Susan Clair

Dr. Clair gave information about the current status of technology infrastructure in Virginia and how the grants have provided funding for schools to purchase necessary equipment especially during COVID.

GoOpenVA: Supporting Hybrid & Virtual Learning – Ms. Jean Weller

Mrs. Weller gave a presentation and showed the GoOpenVA website providing an overview of features and how teachers may submit additional instructional materials. She emphasized how school divisions were using materials to support hybrid and virtual learning during COVID.

Discussion:

What are some considerations for Special Regulations regarding virtual learning/schools in Virginia, including accreditation for virtual schools?

What is one thing that you have learned this year related to virtual learning that will help you better address a hybrid, blended or virtual model next year? New technologies, strategies or professional development models?

How is your division/region addressing mitigation strategies to work towards face to face instruction this school year and have you discussed plans for next school year?

Questions & Next Steps – Mr. Michael Bolling

Establish next meeting date

The participants were given an opportunity to ask final questions prior to the close of the meeting. Next steps will include scheduling the spring meeting of the VLAC. Mr. Michael Bolling, Dr. Meg Foley, and Mr. Reginald Fox all thanked the committee and guest participants for their participation in this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35AM.