

**STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE
HIGH EXPECTATIONS WORK GROUP
September 8, 2014
Meeting Notes**

Present: Tom Taggart, Chair (via teleconference); and Alan Millar

Not Present: Senator Steven Thayn, Cheryl Charlton, and Cindy Wilson

Also Present: Marilyn Whitney, State Board of Education

The committee met to review the last changes to their Final Report. Marilyn Whitney advised that she had spoken to Cheryl Charlton about the counselor survey, and it can be sent out through SurveyMonkey. Alan Millar said that it is included in the report as future work, and is pleased the \$2.5 million was added to the report for college/career advising.

Marilyn Whitney raised a question resulting from feedback she had received. Some teachers felt that a nominal fee is needed from students who take dual credit courses; otherwise, some do not take the courses seriously and do not realize that a failing grade affects their college transcript. Alan Millar agreed with those teachers' assessment. The committee briefly discussed a "participation fee", but agreed that language in the Advanced Opportunities statute requires successful completion in order to continue to receive another course with no fee. No change was generated.

Alan Millar noted that at a workforce summit held in the morning, counseling was a key topic for discussion. The committee was pleased that others have identified the same problem.

With no further discussion, the committee approved its Final Report.

Ms. Whitney advised that the State Board of Education will hold a special meeting on October 3, 2014 to review and vote on the committee recommendations.