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DRAFT Minutes

Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time October 30, 2024

The eleventh meeting of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time began at 4:00 p.m. on October 30, 2024. The meeting was virtual.

Co-Chairs: Principal Brian Houghton and Student Ava Gustin

Statement of Purpose

Develop guidance/recommendations, based in research, on:

- students' personal device use in school,
- screen time and mental health, and
- parental oversight of district-owned devices.

Calendar for meetings

November 7: Present final report and voting

November 12 at 10:55 a.m.: Report presented to State Board of Education by Co-Chairs

Welcome from Commissioner Watson

Dr. Watson welcomed the members of the task force.

The Co-Chairs welcomed everyone and assured everyone that this will be a short meeting. The Task Force is asked to look at Motion 23. There are multiple options for this recommendation.

The options for Parental Controls are on the following page.

These options are recommended motions, based on earlier surveys of the Task Force members after presentations from experts and reading materials based on current research in this area.

Start
02:14

<p>23</p> <p>Option A: Breakout room</p> <p>Option B: Member Submission</p> <p>Option C: Member Submission</p> <p>Option D: Member Submission</p> <p>Option E: Member Submission</p> <p>Option F: Member Submission</p>	<p>Parental Controls</p> <p>Option A: Parental Controls Available Recommend school districts utilize device management systems that allow parental controls to be put in place on district-owned devices. <i>(20/30 members very or extremely interested, 3.90 average rating)</i></p> <p>Option B: Parental Access Recommend school districts work with parents to ensure they have full access to their child's device when it is at home. <i>(18/25 members very or extremely interested, 4.25 average rating)</i></p> <p>Option C: Parental Oversight Recommend school districts allow families full oversight of what their children are accessing on the school issued devices and for how long. <i>(15/25 members very or extremely interested, 4.08 average rating)</i></p> <p>Option D: Parental Access Mirrors Student Recommend parental access to school-owned devices can exactly mirror the student's view. <i>(15/25 members very or extremely interested, 3.79 average rating)</i></p> <p>Option E: Parent Requests to Block Sites Recommend districts develop system where parents can easily manage and request additional blocked sites. <i>(13/25 members very or extremely interested, 3.79 average rating)</i></p> <p>Option F: Parental Controls Recommend districts allow parents to set stricter controls if desired on their student's school issued device. <i>(13/25 members very or extremely interested, 3.71 average rating)</i></p> <p>Option G: No Recommendation (No motion necessary) Provide no recommendation on this topic.</p>		
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Motion 23 Parental Controls

Parental Controls

Option D

Erika Sheets moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen time recommend parental access to school-owned devices can exactly mirror the student’s view. Danny Zeck seconded the motion. Motion carried, 12 in favor (52%), 11 opposed (48%), and 2 abstained.

Motion on Option D 5:36

Option E

Kim Whitman moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen time recommend districts develop system where parents can easily manage and request additional blocked sites. Amy Warren seconded the motion.

Motion on Option E 15:48

Discussion ensued on Option E.

Discussion about the process

During the discussion Co-Chair Ava shared that the previous motion did pass, Co-Chair Brian brought up looking at option 14. Mr. Githins spoke about his idea from the last meeting that on motion 14, that are more options which could be chosen. Payton Lynn noted that on the chat other people were asking if more options from motion 23 could be added. Gabrielle Hull explained that KSDE listed the motions and options so that everyone could see all the possibilities, and some of them did contradict each other, so that would not be possible, but she stated that the staff feels there can be other “options” recommended by the Task Force if that is the will of the body. She recommended that the cleanest way to move forward would be to vote on the options separately, as opposed to amending the first option that passed. Dr. Watson advised that there is presently a motion on the floor, from motion 23 options, it is option E. He recommended that the group take a vote on that before moving forward. Erika Sheets spoke up saying that the process with motion 23 is done. Co-Chair Ava brought the discussion back to Option E, and the motion that Kim Whitman made. Danny Zeck shared that this is a perfect example of why the local districts need to decide what is best for their schools. Erika Sheets stated that this is moot as the first motion on 23 was passed and there shouldn’t be any more discussion or a vote on this. She feels they need to stick to the process, or they are out of integrity. John Niehues shared that on motion 23 parents can see what their children are seeing, but not the ability to block sites or have access. Amy Warren asked if they can still look at options on motion 23. Payton answered that as long as the options don’t contradict each other, the task force can continue to vote on the other options. Co-Chair Bryan apologized that the process is getting muddy. The intent is to craft the best possible recommendations for the State Board. He would like to move forward. Dr. Steel recommended that the task force vote on whether they want to alter the process and chose more options that are listed under each recommended motion.

Co-Chair Ava recommended that a motion to go back to motions 20 and 23, and revisit with the ability to expand and add additional items.

Motion for additional recommendations 34:53

Additional Recommendations

Kim Whitman moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time decide to go back to motions 20 and 23 with the ability to add more options. Lane Lamping seconded the motion. Motion carried 11 members in favor (58%), 8 members opposed (42%) and 4 members abstained.

Co-Chair Ava stated the task force can now start from scratch and look at other motion 23 options.

Option E

(back on the motion) Kim Whitman moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommend districts develop system where parents can easily manage and request additional blocked sites. Constance Martin seconded the motion.

Back on
Option E

This motion was opened for discussion.

Reviewing all items

(out of order) Erika Sheets made a motion to re-open all of the different items and treat them the same way or vacate this discussion so that the process is in integrity for the entirety of what the Task Force is doing here. Jackie Gigot seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Brian stated that the task force is still discussion the motion on blocked sites (option E).

Option E

(back on the motion) Kim Whitman moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommend districts develop system where parents can easily manage and request additional blocked sites. Constance Martin seconded the motion. **Motion carried 11 members in favor (55%), 9 members opposed (45%), and 3 members abstained.**

Back on
Motion
On Option E

Option F

Kim Whitman moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommended districts allow parents to set stricter controls if desired on their student's school issued device. Constance Martin seconded the motion.

Motion
On Option F

Discussion ensued; however, the discussion began with Option C, but eventually returned to Option F.

Co-Chair Ava then announced that the Task Force would vote on Erika Sheet's motion to go back and look at all the motions and options, so that everyone's voice would be heard. Co-Chair Brian recommended the group vote on Kim Whitman's motion on option F.

Option F

(back on the motion) Kim Whitman moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommended districts allow parents to set stricter controls if desired on their student's school issued device. Constance Martin seconded the motion.

Back on
Option F
53:38

Lori Barnes then stated that Erika Sheet's motion was on the floor first and should be voted on because it had a second. She felt the task force was not following proper procedure.

Reviewing all items

(back on an earlier motion which had been out of order) Erika Sheets moved all of the items will be open for additional motions, discussions and voting, including 20 and 23 in order to be in integrity with the process already agreed upon. Jackie Gigot seconded the motion. **Motion failed, 4 members in favor (17%), 20 members opposed (83%), with no abstentions.**

Motion on reviewing all items

Option F

Back on the motion, Kim Whitman moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommended districts allow parents to set stricter controls if desired on their student's school issued device. Constance Martin seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 15 members in favor (71%), 9 members opposed (43%), and 2 members abstained.**

Back on Option F
1:12:24

Option A

Katie Allen moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommend school districts utilize device management systems that allow parental controls to be put in place on district owned devices. Constance Martin seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 16 members in favor (80%), 4 opposed (20%) and 1 member abstained.**

Motion Option A
1:14:58

Option B

Katie Allen moved that Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommend school districts work with parents to ensure they have full access to their child's device when it is at home. Kim Whitman seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 17 members in favor (85%), 3 members opposed (15%), and 2 members abstained.**

Motion Option B
1:18:11

Option C

Amy Warren moved that the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommend school districts allow families full oversight of what their children are accessing on the school issued devices and for how long. Katie Allen seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 18 members in favor (90%), 4 opposed (10%), and 1 member abstained.**

Motion Option C
1:26:05

Motion 20 Option A & C

Lane Lamping moved that Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time recommend school districts has educational opportunities on parents on school-owned devices and related software and recommend schools share information on parental controls that can be implemented on personal devices. **Motion carried, 22 members in favor (96%), 1 member opposed (4%), and 1 member abstained.**

Motion 20 Option A&C
1:29:28

Co-chair Brian thanked everyone for all the time they have put into this committee. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting and final meeting will be November 7th, Thursday at 4 p.m.