



FATA Annual Meeting Minutes

8/27/19 1:00-5:00

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- Board Business
 - Financial Report—Current Quarter End--\$3,369.70
 - Elections
 - There were no nominations from the floor so Charlene Sozio will remain Secretary, Peter Zsiga will remain Treasurer, Heather Himes from Polk will take over as the medium district director and Crissy Stout from Lee will take over as large district director.

- Angie Karn DRC
 - Customer Service
 - Only took 195 calls this spring, that is not enough, people should be calling the customer service helpdesk
 - Took calls on soiled materials—be sure to call as soon as you find out material is soiled so it won't show up on the missing materials report
 - General Return Questions
 - Material Ordering
 - ELA Typed Responses Issues
 - Receiving responses that are just tucked into the booklet, they are not being taped in the booklet like they are supposed to be.
 - Be sure to follow the specific instructions in the manual for font size, margin size, etc.
 - Do not tape responses into Large Print books or Braille books, only regular print booklets.
 - Do not put student information on the typed response.
 - Write the Lithicode # and write Typed Response on the student's paper.
 - Material Return from Schools—50,000 boxes returned from schools this year
 - 2 of the 5 jumbo districts returned from schools in 2019 and 4 of 5 jumbo districts will be returning from schools in 2020.
 - Return Materials **Before** Deadline—this will help them with scoring, it is harder on DRC when they all come in at the same time, it is easier if it is staggered.
 - DRC is suggesting to return calibration school writing tests by the 8th, return grade 3 reading and regular writing on the 9th and 10th and if you have makeups return those by the last day or two.

- Darma Rodriguez—Miami Dade: School Test Material Return via UPS
 - They made the decision to have schools return and planned for a year to ensure there were no loose ends, although there
 - Only had 6 books out of 406,827 paper tests show up missing this year.

- They had to get buy in from staff at the top levels in the district and from the principals at the schools. They put the onus on the school testing coordinators and they were told from the start that it was their responsibility to ensure everything was accounted for and returned.
- They presented to the principals to “show” them the work that was going to be involved to do this correctly—different colored return labels, different shipment return labels, etc. They wanted the principals to know how detailed the job was so that they would allow the testing coordinators time to do this correctly.
- They presented to the testing coordinators and gave them lots of visuals and cheat sheets to ensure they covered as many modes as possible to give directions on how to do this properly.
- They had testing coordinators/schools purchase scanners from Amazon to make accounting for the books easier. This captures the security # of the booklet and the student label.
- They presented to the testing coordinators DRCs presentation of the issues they have at DRC when they collect the tests so they could “see” and understand how important it is to pack the test booklets properly and have labels in good condition.
- They explained in detail the return shipping labels—ground vs next day air, FSA vs Pearson.
- They had testing coordinators make spreadsheets so when they scanned the booklets the information went directly into the spreadsheet. Then she had them list the box # and shipping label # on the spreadsheet so they could see if anything was missing.
- They used the tracking documents from the vendors that are in real time and communicated with schools.
- They use a Google form to communicate with schools and the school scanned the boxes into the form so they know how many boxes are being returned.
- Communication is the key and if a testing coordinator misses a deadline, they need to be called out on it. They emailed constantly with specific directions and reminders.
- They found the process worked with very little resistance.
- Leanne Spaight/Kolin Grimm Pearson
 - Pre-ID Summary Report—great way to check your Pre ID uploads
 - Security Checklist—District and School—for every booklet that gets sent out.
 - Returning Materials—they include UPS labels and schools can ship back directly to them.
 - Do Not Score Labels will be yellow instead of white this spring
 - Reports
 - Tracking Inbound Shipment (operational report)
 - Test Material Status Report (published report)
 - Rejected Student Test List (operational report)
 - Shipment Detail Report (published report)
- DOE State Assessment Guests
 - Vince Verges
 - No changes are expected for spring 2020 testing except to move science to a later two-week window so the 5th grade students don’t have to do so many consecutive days of testing.
 - Reporting—they will always try to report on Thursday instead of Friday, but it is not in their control.
 - New Standards—they will not be in effect for 2020, not sure what will happen yet beyond that.

- Civics standards are under review.
 - There has been talk of streamlining testing, however we cannot go against federal laws and if we make changes it has to be changed in state law.
 - Tracy Halley/Accountability
 - No planned changes for school grades or school accountability at this time.
 - Appeal process is ongoing, there is no deadline to release the appeals, but they will do it as soon as possible.
 - Q & A
 - Can we make the FSA EOCs a one-day test?
 - There has been some consideration for this.
- Illatawie Showalter—Orange County— % Tested Monitoring Tool
 - This came about because schools were getting “1”s and it is a lot of work to do appeals.
 - Provide schools with a daily/weekly report to monitor participation.
 - Identified data sources in TIDE and Pearson and only focused on high schools.
 - Reports were based on what school needed to know versus the district.
 - Used SDU file as data source and added the participation reports from TIDE and Pearson. TIDE works better because you can download a district file versus school by school. They identify by each subject area.
 - It is not just the 2-3 match data but there are other things that need to be considered.
 - They made a report by subject area—reading/writing/EOCs
 - Reports are sent to the high school office and the expectation is you will meet 95% for every subject.
 - They are required to continue to test students even if they have met the 95%.
 - The report has certain data elements and information from the TIDE and PAN participation reports.
 - They found a lot of students were showing as taking a course virtually, but they actually weren't. They may have dropped it, or they might not be ready to test yet or took the test in a different county.
 - This year Orange County had no “1”s.
 - Logistics—it takes time. One of the administrative people pulls the reports from TIDE and PAN every morning so they can run the file.
- Courtney Claud/Kathleen Rolison—Curriculum Associates/I Ready
 - There is a new version this year—reports are no longer just PDFs.
 - Use criterion referenced data not just norm referenced.
- Linda Gidry/Ben Palazesi/Wes Gentry—ACT
 - Updates
 - English Language Learner Toolkit—being enhanced
 - Parent involvement.
 - ACT Academy—launched March 2018, go to place for personalized learning. Kahn Academy is part of this platform. Component for teachers, students and parents.
 - Additional test in April, online only, not available with NCR.
 - They now offer a three-year contract to lock in pricing.
 - Invoicing will be directly correlated to the student upload on the last day of the makeup window.
 - ACT NCR
 - Students meeting graduation requirements with NCR continues to grow.
 - Reporting of scores is going to be quicker going forward so the data files will be posted four times—the first will be at 4 weeks and then at 7 weeks (this should

- cover the bulk of the students). The PDF file with the student letters will still come at a later date.
 - Students can leave when they finish, they do not have to be dismissed as a group.
 - Pre ACT 8/9 is a pretest.
 - Online Reporting Portal—being rolled out in phases across the nation. On Friday Florida superintendents will receive a communication from Trusted Agent Access (TAA) that will ask for the primary person in the district who should have access to the online reporting portal.
 - ACT College/Career Readiness Workshops—will be offered in the fall
 - Questions from the audience:
 - Will the ACT NCR ever be offered on the computer? They are having discussion about it.
 - Will the cost ever come down? They now offer the free/reduced percentage pricing for districts and they also are offering a three-year contract to lock in the pricing. They can also offer some creative ways to fund paying for it such as business partners.
- Max Gregory/Jason Dubose—TestHound
 - They have been working with 4 districts and 2 more are coming on board this year.
 - Brittnee Joseph is the new Florida rep.
 - TestHound has standardized procedures to assist with testing processes, accommodation tracking, reporting and material tracking.
 - Their online system helps schools and the district with testing tasks such as scheduling and rostering. Reports can be printed in Excel, PDF and Word.
- Kevin Murphy—AIR
 - Airways—allows you to make tests, has an item bank, aligned to FSA.
- Brian Barnes—SAT/Florida Partnership
 - Suite of Assessments—SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 8/9
 - Correlation between where students score on Grade 10 FSA and PSAT/NMSQT has been within a few points.
 - Anyone can access the SAT practice with Kahn Academy. It is proven that scores will go up if students access the practice between taking the PSAT to taking the SAT.
 - SAT School Day allows students to test during the school day. This assessment allows students who can't come on Saturdays to gain access to the SAT.
 - SAT College Scholarship Program encourages students to apply for and attend college.
 - SAT NCR
 - Inexpensive
 - Quick Reporting
 - 50% extended time only is offered

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