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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNCIL OF BASIC EDUCATION

Community College of Philadelphia - Center for Business & Industry
18th & Callowhill Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19130

January 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 am by Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

Jim Agras (via phone)	Dan Fogarty	Edward Sheehan
Wendy Beetlestone	Kirk Hallett	Shannon Sullivan
David Collins (via phone)	Francis Michelini	Joseph Torsella
Connie Davis (via phone)	Jonathan Peri	Karen Farmer White
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Mollie Phillips (via phone)	Lee Williams
	Rep. James Roebuck (via phone)	Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2010, meeting of the Council of Basic Education were approved on a **Wittig/Sheehan** motion.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

PDE is getting ready to submit its accountability workbook for NCLB as required by the federal government. This year PDE is requesting a change related to the PSSA-M. Due to this change, the Department will need to establish cut scores for the PSSA-M, and these cut scores will eventually come before the Board for approval.

Acting Secretary Morton also reported on the December 2010 SAS Institute. Because of strong interest in the program, PDE will hold another SAS Institute in February featuring internationally-recognized education experts who presented at the December institute. PDE has communicated the importance of the SAS resources to the gubernatorial transition team.

PRESENTATION

Kate Shaw, Executive Director, Research for Action, presented "College Access and Retention: The Role of Research and Evaluation." RFA's recent projects include:

- The College Access Foundation of California
- Say Yes to Education
- GEAR UP
- Philadelphia Youth Network
    - Student Success Centers

- GED to College Initiative

RFA's Research and Policy Implications: Use research to inform decision-making, address policy goals; Issues of scalability, sustainability key in a resource-challenged environment; identify partnerships – business, non-profits, higher education sector; strengthen the K-16 pipeline by incentivizing secondary and postsecondary partnerships; develop accountability mechanisms that will change the paradigm of K-16 partnerships to develop joint investment in postsecondary success.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Stephanie L. Jones 3-16-11

Adam Schott
Executive Director