

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Wendi Secrist, Workforce Development Council; Tracie Bent, SBOE; Ann Joslin and Stephanie Bailey-White, Commission for Libraries; Dwight Johnson and Heather Luchte, ICTE; Quinn Perry, ISBA; Helen Price and Christina Nava, SDE; Jay Shaw, Administrative Rules

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Tina Polishchuk, Advanced Opportunities Coordinator, State Department of Education, reported on the Advanced Opportunities Program, on behalf of **Superintendent Ybarra**. Advanced Opportunities are a series of course choice options for Idaho students grades 7-12, including Dual Credit (DC), Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Career-Technical Education. Each seventh grader has \$4,125 available to use over the course of six years, towards course and examination fees. Over 32,000 students participated last year and \$16.4 million was spent, resulting in \$55 million in college tuition savings for students. By senior year, the participation rate is nearly 60%, demonstrating Advanced Opportunities are for the majority of students, not only advanced ones. She noted 70% of the DC courses taken align with General Education core courses and DC quality is now monitored by an accrediting body.

Dr. Polishchuk noted College Advisor and Career Mentor positions were funded recently and approximately 900 personnel are now employed to advise students and transmit data to SDE. The department trains Advanced Opportunities teachers each year after the legislative session to update them on the new rules and laws applying to the program. She discussed equity and access in the program and highlighted a narrowing gap among the percentage of free/reduced lunch students in the Advanced Opportunities population and the general population.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary