

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 04, 2015

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Boyle

GUESTS: Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office; Jason Hoopes, School Improvement Network; Penni Cyr, IEA; Barbara Petty and Jim Lindstrom, University of Idaho Extension

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

RS 23733C1: **Marilyn Whitney**, Sr. Special Assistant for Education, Governor's Office, presented **RS 23733C1**. She explained the educational funding proposed legislation with the new recommendations brought forth from the Governor's Task Force Committees on Education. She described the Career Ladder for teacher compensation, the additional incentives for increased pay, and the implementation of accountability for student achievement.

A discussion was held regarding incremental progress, meeting statewide criteria, the formula for funding and allocations made directly to the school districts. Also discussed were instructional staff allowance, non-instructional pupil services personnel, and master teacher premiums.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 23733C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Continued discussion by the committee concerning **RS 23733C1** included the need for a contingency plan in case of an economic downturn, performance criteria for the residency rung, cohorts of teachers movement on the Career Ladder; and, which segments of the new funding are subject to collective bargaining.

Robin Gilbert, Director of Instruction and Student Achievement, Middleton School District, told the committee there are two ways to improve schools: either hire better teachers or improve the teachers in place. She described the hurdles to quality professional development and suggested a connection to Idaho's goals in education. She gave examples of success in the Middleton School District when experts in professional development were involved.

Lisa Romero, Strategic Partner, School Improvement Network, described the products for improving educator effectiveness and shared the success of Idaho school districts using School Improvement Network's Professional Development products.

Jim Lindstrom, 4-H State Director, University of Idaho Extension, said 4-H is the premier youth development program of the University of Idaho Extension and is delivered through the outreach arm of the University of Idaho Extension. He described the many program services and activities provided through 4-H, including a partnership with YMCA called Operation Military Kids. He also explained the success rate of 4-Hers contributing to their communities, becoming civically active, making healthier choices, and participating in STEM programs.

Chairman DeMordaunt turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman VanOrden**.

In response to a question, **Mr. Lindstrom**, said the funding for the 4-H program in Idaho is stable.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jean Vance
Secretary