



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

July 28, 2015

12:00pm

Wichita Hyatt, Cypress AB/Birch

400 W Waterman

Wichita, KS

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at: 1:05 pm

Roll Call –

Members Present:

Stacie Clarkson

Deb Howser

Karen Kroh

Marvin Miller

Joan Robbins

Deb Young

Tina Gibson

Barbara Kempf

Joan Macy

Diane Plunkett

Robb Scott

Rebekah Helget

Kathy Kersenbrock-

Ostmeyer

Judy Martin

Matt Ramsey

Bryan Wilson

Members Absent:

Marcy Aycock

Amy Dejmal

Lesli Girard

KSDE Staff Present:

Colleen Riley

Laura Jurgensen

Kerry Haag

Julie Ehler

Pat Bone

Kimberly Knackstedt

Public Present:

Jim McNeice, State Board President

Approval of Agenda – Minutes-

Deb Young moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Stacie Clarkson.

Motion Passed.

Marvin Miller moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer.

Motion passed.

Review of Membership and Meeting Dates for 2015-2016

Handout

Review of Roberts Rules of Order

Matt Ramsey, Chair, reviewed Roberts Rule of Order to keep the meetings flowing smoothly.

Notebook Drive-by – Colleen Riley, Pat Bone

A review of the information contained in the notebooks was held.

Colleen shared how the Integrated Region Contacts List for the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services (ECSETS) team is designed to work this year. This is a new process for the ECSETS team. The list shows which ECSETS staff member is the contact for each district. ECSETS consultants are assigned to a region and the map showing the regions will be shared with the notes from this meeting.

Reimbursement Process/Forms for 2015-2016 – Pat Bone

Please complete the W-9 form and leave it with Pat. Forms for reimbursement are included for your use as needed for reimbursement of travel including mileage, meals, and hotels when needed as well as registration costs for conferences pertaining to the work of the SEAC council.

SEAC Orientation - Joan Robbins, Colleen Riley

PowerPoint presentation

During our meetings, please share your thoughts with your fellow council members. This is the place to share your thoughts and ideas and impact the direction of education decisions for Kansas students.

Reflections from 2014-2015 and Looking Ahead – Matt Ramsey

- We are truly blessed to be in a great state for kids and students with disabilities.
- Thank you Joan for the service you have provided this council over the past year. Thank you for leading us through some very tough and yet productive conversations.
- It is a privilege to sit around this table with the leaders that are a part of this council. Thank you for bringing and sharing your experience and knowledge.
- This council is going to continue the work and be the voice of special education in Kansas and our communities.

Public Comment

- Terry Collins – Topic: ESI regulations

KSDE Update-Powerpoint

- KSDE Staff and Support-
 - o Letter to the field on joint policy on inclusion from Vera Stroup-Rentier
 - o Map of Kansas showing contacts regions

- State Board Members and Strategic Agenda
 - o State Board of Education Strategic Agenda. The ECSETS team's work fits in to these goals and objectives. The State Board is currently working to revise and update its goals for the future of Kansas education.
- ESI – Laura Jurgensen, Julie Ehler, Kimberly Knackstedt – Handouts and PowerPoint
 - o This PowerPoint will become a webinar and be posted on the TASN website for future use.
 - o Emphasize the point that this regulation/law covers ALL STUDENTS.
 - o Emphasize the fact these regulations/law are for emergencies and student safety, not for regular use.
 - o Recommend removing the use of the ESI acronym as it takes the focus off of the emergency and safety of students.
 - o Applies to any place where the “school” has jurisdiction and responsibility for students. (buses, school activities, etc.)
 - o The focus for schools is on the prevention of the need for Emergency Safety Intervention.
- TASN- Crystal Davis, Handout
 - o Changes include some new projects, Kansas Learning Network has joined with our TASN projects, Co-Teaching has been brought into the TASN umbrella to ensure its future past State Professional Development Grant (SPDG), and also the Autism and Tertiary Behavior support projects. TASN supports preschool through college and career ready levels and has an evaluation of the TASN system to ensure quality of our programs and to guide our work on an ongoing basis.
 - o TASN Marketplace will be set up during the annual leadership conference at break times so come see the materials available and network with your peers.

Council Member Reports

- Families Together Update-Annual Report Handout
- Secondary Transition and Public Comments- Handouts – Robb Scott
 - o Shared information on transition with Indian, African American and Latino students. Contact Robb directly if you are interested in more information.
- Other reports

This is your opportunity to put forth information from your area of work to the full council. Please feel free to share information with the council.

 - o Joan Macy – Deaf Education –
Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) received a response to a policy statement comment sent to Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS). The request asked KSD to provide information on how to better include information for deaf/hard of hearing students.
 - o Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
She is seeing a real problem develop in filling positions with qualified/certified staff. The Council should look and have discussion on what it can do to help with this issue. School psychologists, teachers for the deaf, and others are in very short supply.
Jim McNiece, State Board Chair, thanked the council for all of their thoughtful discussions and for providing input to assist in educating Kansas children.

Motion to Adjourn:

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 pm. Marvin Miller seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

September 15, 2015

9:00 a.m.
Kansas Association of School Boards
1420 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Stacie Clarkson	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer	Diane Plunkett
Amy Dejmaj	Karen Kroh	Matthew Ramsey
Tina Gibson	Joan Macy	Joan Robbins
Lesli Girard	Judy Martin	Bryan Wilson
Rebekah Helget	Marvin Miller	Deb Young
Deb Howser	Robb Scott	

Members Absent:

Marcy Aycock	Barbara Kempf
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KSDE Staff Present:

Colleen Riley	Kerry Haag	Theresa Coté
Julie Ehler	Laura Jurgensen	

Public Present:

David Eichler, Project Stay
Deb McVey, TASN
Garrett Strickler, Lake Mary Center

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, seconded by Bryan Wilson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, seconded by Deb Howser to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI)

Letter to OCR – Julie Ehler

Each state has an advisory committee on civil rights and our state committee has been studying the ESI regulations and in April they wrote a draft report. KSDE staff reviewed the draft and put together the letter that was in your packet. Once the report is finalized, it will be put on the website. It was suggested to invite them to come to Kansas to see what we're doing to implement the regulations and provide technical assistance.

How Safe Is the Schoolhouse?--An Analysis of State Seclusion and Restraint Laws and Policies
– Laura Jurgensen

The July 25, 2015 issue contains incorrect information for Kansas and Laura shared a draft letter to Jessica Butler and asked for members' input, which included:

- 1st page italics – good information where there is a lot of misinformation. Include technical assistance checklist in the letter. Misunderstanding is out there.
- Like the idea of attaching those points. Information needs to be accurate.
- Graphics may be incorrect, so we may want to take a look of them.
- Include information on local control – in Kansas we are a local control state and that's why we do the things we do.
- Previous document had been a good representation of what's happening in Kansas. This latest document has a lot of misinformation.
- List membership and their roles.
- Distribute letter to SEAC in other states.

This item was tabled until later today. SEAC will review after Laura has had a chance to make edits.

Discussion on the Definition of "Incident"

Pros include:

- provide more consistency
- cleaner comparison
- may decrease some of the variability
- mutual understanding of how documentation and reporting should occur

Cons include:

- staff may have to change
- parent informed more frequently, parent communication is a concern
- comparison between schools
- buildings which have these programs, the #'s may increase

After discussion, no action was taken.

Regulation Process – Julie Ehler

A one-page handout, which included a graphic on the process for adopting regulations, was shared. Draft regulations are currently with the Attorney General's office for review. If they have changes, then it will go back to the Department of Administration. Once it is finalized between the Department of Administration and Attorney General, they will be published in the Kansas Register for public comment. The State Board of Education has to adopt the regulations by March 1, 2016 and once they've been adopted, regulations will be published in the Kansas Register and will take effect 15 days after that.

ESI Taskforce Update

SEAC representatives: Marvin and Joan and Leslie provided an update. The taskforce has met twice and will meet again in a couple weeks. They're off to a good start and have had a lot of good discussion; however, they're not close to any action. Funding for members has been a concern; however, they're working through it -- people are passionate about the topic.

Accreditation Update – Julie Doyen, Kansas Professional Learning Team (KPLT)

The new accreditation system is called the Kansas Education System Accreditation (KESA). All schools will be accredited for 2015-2016 and then they will be phased in over a five year period.

Why accredit:

- Build success for students educators!
- Continuous improvement for students & educators!
- State Statute 72-6439(a)

Where Are We Going?

- Based on new 5 R's –Rigor, Relevance, Relationships, Responsive Culture, Results
- 5-year cycle
- District Based vs school based
- Outside validation team

Non-Negotiables

- Educator licensure
- Special Education
- Fiscal/accounting
- Emergency safety intervention

What Does All of This Mean?

- Good things are happening across the state!
- Identify and celebration current successes. What evidence do we have in place to show success?
- KESA is about improving school systems for kids!
- How can we improve?

Public Comment:

Garrett Strickler, Lake Mary Center Topic: Emergency Safety Interventions

KSDE Update – Colleen Riley

- KSDE Annual Conference – Commissioner Watson to roll out the State Board's vision during Opening Session on Tuesday, October 27.
October 26-28 (Assessment Preconference, October 26)
Wichita, KS
- Tri-State Law Conference,
November 5-6
Omaha, NE

Colleen also reminded members that if members have something they want to add to the agenda, please contact the Chairman, Pat or Colleen.

TASN Update -- Amy Gaumer-Erickson, Evaluator, TASN

Evaluation Philosophy:

- Utilization-focused (used by district, data is important to the project)
- Empower, don't overburden educators (balance what we're asking in the evaluation work from educators)
- Draw accurate conclusions (good samples, triangulation of data, self-feedback loop)
- Continually improve
- Support decision-making at the state, provider, district, school, team and teacher levels
- Determine impact

Through high-quality professional learning:

- Participants increase awareness, knowledge, skills & change attitudes
- Administrators/supervisors create conditions that support implementation (what are those administrative support components to implement and sustain those practices and in doing so, students will improve academically)
- Participants implement evidence-based practices with fidelity
- Students/children improve academic, behavioral and social outcomes
- Schools/organizations sustain the implementation with fidelity

Theory of change aligns with the implementation drivers, starting with the competency drivers: selection, training and coaching. Organization drivers: systems intervention, facilitative administrative, decision support data system.

TASN Projects:

1. Integrated Accountability Support (General Supervision, Timely and Accurate Data)
2. Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) (Evaluation)
3. Support for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) & Other Complex Needs
4. Targeted District and Building Improvement Support (KLN)
5. Recruitment and Retention of Special Education Staff
 - a. eMSS/KEEB
 - b. Teachers of the Deaf
 - c. Teachers of the Visually Impaired
6. Support and Professional Learning for Cross Content Instructional Practices
 - a. Co-Teaching
 - b. Infinitec
 - c. KPIRC
 - d. KIRC
7. Kansas Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Development on the new TASN website is continuing.

Regional Meeting on Accountability Systems – Dean Zajic and Stacie Martin

The Regional Meeting on Accountability Systems was organized to bring together representatives from federal programs, e.g., special education, Title programs, etc. to work together collaboratively in order to improve results for all kids. It began as a collaboration of states; however, they also had representatives from U.S. Department of Education. They talked through some of the different challenges and commonalities.

KSDE Update (cont'd)

Colleen shared that reauthorization has slowed down for the Kansas Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) however, we're continuing to do what we need to do to implement Kansas ESEA waiver.

State Assessment Update -- Beth Fultz, Assistant Director, Career, Standards and Assessment Services

Handout

Beth shared a one-page overview of the 2015-2016 Kansas Assessments.

Committee Reports

Lesli Girard, Families Together, shared that they finishing up the current grant cycle and the new grant starts October 1. They're working with families with children with disabilities, birth through age 26. Lesli shared a snapshot that looks at the activities that have been done between April – June 2015. Materials are available in English and Spanish. Members are welcome to stop and visit their offices in Topeka, Wichita and Garden City.

Joan Macy shared a copy of a letter James Tucker, Superintendent, Maryland School for the Deaf, as well as a paper from several groups on the policy statement on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs. Joan also announced that their national conference will be in the Kansas City area, April 8-11, 2016.

Marvin Miller reported that he has visited the districts in his State Board region. School districts are very different. Everybody in the field of education are working hard for kids. Concern from administrators is the impact of block grants. Possible future agenda item – what is our long term impact on paras when they pay low wages and the supports they provide. One district has a special education parent education advisory council which is common in some areas of the state, but may not be in other areas.

Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) (cont'd)

How Safe Is the Schoolhouse?--An Analysis of State Seclusion and Restraint Laws and Policies

Based on suggestions, Laura made revisions to the letter. It was suggested that for those members who are parents of a child with disabilities to identify them with an *. It was also suggested to note on the letter that its being cc: to the State Board of Education and once approved, send it to SEAC's in other states.

It was moved by Marvin Miller, seconded by Joan Robbins to submit the letter as discussed with corrections. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, seconded by Marvin Miller to adjourn. Motion passed.



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

October 7, 2015

10:00 am

Conference Call

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Dr. Matt Ramsey, SEAC Chair

Roll Call –

Members Present:

Stacie Clarkson
Barbara Kempf
Judy Martin
Joan Robbins

Amy Dejmal
Karen Kroh
Marvin Miller
Robb Scott

Tina Gibson
Joan Macy
Matthew Ramsey
Bryan Wilson

Members Absent:

Marcy Aycock
Deb Howser
Deb Young

Lesli Girard
Kathy Kersenbrock-
Ostmeyer

Rebekah Helget
Diane Plunkett

KSDE Staff Present:

Colleen Riley

Laura Jurgensen

Pat Bone

Membership Discussion – Matt Ramsey, Chair

Chairman Matt Ramsey explained the need for calling a special meeting today.

At the September SEAC meeting, members decided to write a response to Jessica Butler regarding the “How Safe Is The Schoolhouse?” document, <http://www.autcom.org/pdf/HowSafeSchoolhouse.pdf>. In writing the response members wanted to emphasize that 51% of our SEAC membership is a parent of a child with a disability or a person with a disability. At that time KSDE recommended that the letter list membership, but not emphasize the 51% majority in our response letter since our current membership is at 50% rather than 51%. Chairman Ramsey requested an agenda item regarding membership to be added to the November SEAC meeting. As council membership changes, occasionally we fall

below the 51%. Currently, we stand at 50%. This is not a significant deficit but it does need to be addressed.

Last week, a member of the state board contacted one of the deputy commissioners at the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) regarding SEAC membership. Chairman Ramsey was concerned that the state board may discuss this issue before members had a chance to discuss this issue so he called for this conference call meeting today.

Chairman Ramsey made a recommendation of a person who would meet the requirement which was followed by discussion.

Discussion:

- Joan Robbins: I like the solution you propose but I am wondering if the need is so urgent that we need to act now.
- Colleen Riley: We have had fluctuation over the years, it is not urgent but we do have a recommendation for a person who could be recommended at this time, then we can have a more in depth conversation about recruiting members at the next face to face SEAC meeting..
- Bryan Wilson– approval of nominations today would this be for a full three year term position or would it be filling a spot for this school year?
- Marvin Miller - Do we have the privilege to fill a position for less than a three year term in our by-laws?
- Laura Jurgensen: the Kansas statute regarding terms of SEAC members does not prohibit it or expressly allow it. SEAC does have a history of a vacant position being filled for a partial term.
- Motion: Joan Robbins moved that SEAC seek nominations to get the council above the 50% requirement for the remainder of this school year and then continue our discussion on filling member positions for the future at the November meeting. Robb Scott seconded the motion.

A Roll call vote was taken to accept nominations for a term limited to this school year.

Motion passed 12-0.

Matt Ramsey nominated Sarah Schaffer to fill this opening. Rose Schaffer, her mother, will attend meetings to assist Sarah.

No other nominations were received.

Marvin moved to accept the nomination of Sarah Schaffer. It was seconded by Barb Kempf.

Roll call vote was held.

Motion passed 12-0.

More discussion will be held at our November meeting on how the council moves forward with maintaining this 51% majority of members being the parent of a child with a disability or a person with a disability. Marvin will be sharing a report he has compiled on SEACs from other states.

Motion to Adjourn

Bryan Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35. It was seconded by Stacie Clarkson

Motion passed.



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

November 17, 2015

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Kansas Association of School Boards

1420 SW Arrowhead Road

Room 101

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:09am by Dr. Matt Ramsey, SEAC Chair

Roll Call –

Members Present:

Amy Dejmal
Barbara Kempf
Marvin Miller
Joan Robbins
Bryan Wilson

Lesli Girard
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
Diane Plunkett
Sarah Schaffer
Deb Young

Rebekah Helget
Joan Macy
Matthew Ramsey
Robb Scott

Members Absent:

Marcy Aycock
Deb Howser

Stacie Clarkson
Karen Kroh

Tina Gibson
Judy Martin

KSDE Staff Present:

Colleen Riley
Vera Stroup-Rentier

Laura Jurgensen
Barbara Dayal

Pat Bone

Introductions:

Welcome to Sarah Schaffer, new SEAC member and a Washburn University student.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Marvin Miller and seconded by Barbara Kempf.

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from September and October was made by Bryan Wilson and seconded by Marvin Miller.

Motion passed.

Annual Report 2014-2015

2014-2015 Annual Report will be presented to the KSBE in January 2016 by past chair Dr. Joan Robbins. Today we will be reviewing the report for the activity that occurred during the past year. We are looking for editing suggestions and accuracy of the report.

Talking Points Card – items to be included:

- ESI, expansion of topic to add specific points
- Early Childhood, Part C to Part B transition and outcomes for students
- Include SSIP, new indicator and the data used to support it for the SPP.
- Student independence program – Blue Valley
- Transition and equity reports from Robb Scott (individuals and organizations recognized by the Kansans for Equal Access to Transition services.
- Draft will be created and shared before the January meeting

January Meeting Details:

- The January meeting is two days, January 12 and 13, 2016 and will be held in the Landon Building Room 509. January 12 is a full day meeting
- On the afternoon of January 12 SEAC will present to the State Board. Each member will introduce themselves and the area they represent on the council. Joan Robbins will provide the State Board our 2014-2015 Annual Report.
- SEAC will also spend time that afternoon preparing for the discussion at breakfast on January 13.
- January 13 is a half day meeting starting with breakfast with State Board members 7:30-8:30. Matt will lead introductions of SEAC members and State Board members will be made. Board members will have an opportunity to talk or ask questions. This is a great opportunity for SEAC to have meaningful conversations with the state board members.
- Inclusion policy from the USDE may be a good topic for conversation.
- The State Board members appreciate the information we provide.

Membership discussion:

Matt Ramsey revisited the conference call on October 7. A concern about our membership not meeting the 51% majority of being a parent of or a person with a disability had been raised. We rectified that by having a nomination that was recently approved by the KSBE.

Age range for parents of children with disability is birth to 26.

Thank you everyone for your support in addressing this issue and helping the council move forward.

Taskforce – Joan Robbins/Marvin Miller

Two meetings plus a subcommittee meeting have been held since our last SEAC meeting. The taskforce has now heard testimony from administrators and teachers who are responsible for working and following the regulations/legislation.

Areas of discussion/agreement:

- Parent notification clarification

- Self-injurious behavior
- Third use of an ESI

Areas where taskforce agree on a need to be changed but no agreement on how to proceed:

- Additional data collection on gender and socio-economic groups and reporting out on ESI.
- Seclusion definition
- Dr. notes on seclusion being harmful prohibit any future seclusion. Some members would like this extended to restraint as well.
- Subcommittee meeting today and next full taskforce meeting in December.
- If you have any items, you want brought up to the taskforce please contact Joan or Marvin.

KSDE Updates:

Laura Jurgensen – update on ESI – response from Jessica Butler to How safe is your School House. Her letter was a thank you for your letting me know and stated changes may be considered whenever the document is next updated.

Proposed amendments to regulations – In September they were being reviewed by the Attorney General's office. Additional changes back and forth between agencies occurred and now they are back to the Attorney General Office. After another review they will come back to the State Board for a 60-day comment period.

IDEA Parent Survey – Diana Stanfill

Handout – Draft survey form

- Distributed in the spring of every school year to a random sample of parents who have children receiving special education services.
- Reduced number of questions and cleaned it up so that it is less time consuming to complete.
- Next step will be to put the survey online.
- Want to increase the response rate by getting it to people in multiple ways.
- Key topics of survey: partnership, relationship to staff, involvement in the IEP process, LRE
- This survey and results are part of what we report in our state performance plan annually.
- English and Spanish versions are provided. Districts are responsible for any additional languages they need and how to reach those parents.

No Public Comment requests received.

Colleen updates –

- Handouts Kansans Can – Kansas leads the world in the success of each student
- 40th Anniversary IDEA
- Melody Musgrove will be leaving the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the end of December.
- Michael Yudin will be leading Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS).

Block Grant and Budget Issues

How is it affecting districts? Would like this item on the agenda for January and invite someone from School/Finance to provide an update.

Council Member Updates

Lesli – Handout for Families Together, Inc. activities and trainings for parents.

- Lesli will send information on ESI and LRE to clarify what types of issues are arising in these areas.
- New grant started October 1.

Others:

- **Bryan Wilson** – suggest state level conversation on CTE programming and access for students with disabilities. Would like to invite Jay Scott to talk to SEAC.
 - Career Tech Ed conference in January.
- **Diane Plunkett** – will send more details to Pat on the following:
 - 2 and 4 year universities working on pathway prep.
 - 4 states have OSEP grants in this area.
- **Joan Macy** –
 - Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) is partnering with districts to serve students with hearing loss in Kansas in order to eliminate the inconsistency in identifying students and providing services for those kids. Also, KSD wants to help parents and educators access resources.

Motion to adjourn the SEAC meeting was made by Bryan Wilson and seconded by Marvin Miller.

Motion passed

Reconvene for the joint meeting at 12:45.

SEAC and ICC Meeting
November 17, 2015

KASB

Meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm

Introduction of SEAC and ICC Committee Members

Matt Connell	Matt Ramsey	Colleen Riley
Marvin Miller	Barbara Kempf	Rebekah Helget
Diane Plunkett	Barbara Dayal	Vera Stroup-Rentier
Sarah Walters	Amy DeJmal	Sarah Schaffer
Robb Scott	Joan Robbins	Lesli Girard
Bryan Wilson	Stephanie Parkinson	Karen Pauls
Dave Lindemann	Pheobe Rinkel	Linney Krehbill
Darla Nelson Metzger		

Vera provided a brief history of the councils meeting together. This meeting has been an effort to look at a system-wide focus for students' birth through age 26. Students age 3 – 5 fall under the supervision of both the State ICC and SEAC.

Joint Policy statement on Inclusion- Handouts and PowerPoint

Barbara Dayal and Sarah Walters

- Inclusion for infants/toddlers is active involvement in home/life activities.
- Least restrictive environment
- Challenges for inclusion Initiatives for moving the policy forward in Kansas –
- Need for professional development to equip staff for inclusive practices
- Need to keep administrators informed
- Inclusion begins at an early age and is a lifelong need for success.
- Part B programs are the families first experiences with school.

Part C SPP/APR Data – Sarah Walters – Handout (KDHE/Tiny K)

- Funding through grant applications
- Began in 1987
- No programs under corrective action this year.
- 2015 Meets Requirements of Results-Driven Accountability!
- Handout Part C and Part B 619 Data Display: Kansas provided by OSEP
- Using new parent survey this year.
- Currently in Phase II of SSIP planning.
- Wyandotte County, Shawnee County, Garden City in SW Kansas are pilot group for SSIP goals.
- Working on a toolbox of resources

The State Performance Plan Part B 619 – Barbara Dayal – PowerPoint Handout

- Similar indicators to Part C
- 14-15 data is being finalized at this time.
- Met targets were met for Indicator 6a and b 13-14
- Indicator 7 – exactly the same measures as for Part C
- Look at rate of growth and those functioning at a level comparable to same age peers
- Frequently asked questions document for transition process on the KSDE website.

- SSIP-Indicator 12 Children 3-5 are being actively involved in Kansas MTSS

Reminder for SEAC members – Next meeting January 12-13, 2016 at KSDE.

Motion to Adjourn:

Marvin Miller moved to adjourn the meeting and Bryan Wilson seconded.

Motion passed.



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

January 12, 2016

9:00 am

Landon State Office Building, Room 509
900 SW Jackson Street
Topeka, KS

Members Present:

Marcy Aycock
Tina Gibson
Deb Howser

Stacie Clarkson
Lesli Girard
Barbara Kempf

Amy Dejmaj
Rebekah Helget
Kathy Kersenbrock-
Ostmeyer
Judy Martin
Matt Ramsey
Bryan Wilson

Karen Kroh
Marvin Miller
Joan Robbins

Luanne Barron (for Joan Macy)
Diane Plunkett
Sarah Schaffer

Members Absent:

Robb Scott

Deb Young

KSDE Staff:

Colleen Riley
Jay Scott

Vera Stroup-Rentier
Dale Dennis

Pat Bone

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended to add State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report information following Jay Scott's presentation on Career and Technical Education.

Deb Howser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Stacie Clarkson.

Motion passed

Approval of November Minutes:

- Correct spelling of Barbara Kempf's name under approval of agenda.

Bryan Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected which was seconded by Barbara Kempf.

Motion Passed.

Review of SEAC 2014-2015 Annual Report – Joan Robbins will be presenting the Annual Report to the State Board this afternoon.

The small card provided in your packet will serve as a reminder for Joan's presentation today and also as a reference during the breakfast with State Board members tomorrow of the topics discussed during 2014-2015. Each member will introduce themselves and the organization/group you represent. Chair, Matt Ramsey will begin and Joan Robbins will go last to share the Annual Report.

Breakfast is an informal gathering. Breakfast will be served and SEAC members will have time for informal conversations with state board members and KSDE leadership. After breakfast we will have more discussion as a large group and allow time for questions.

Block Grant and other State Level Funding – Dale Dennis

- Alvarez and Marsal Efficiency report has been released and is being discussed by the legislature.
- Teacher salaries - Kansas is 38th in the nation.
- Creation of statewide health insurance pool for schools. This will not be a part of the state system. Financing is yet to be determined.
- All state agencies will have budget cuts under current proposals.
- Continue to request legislators follow the law on funding Special Education at the 92%.

Update on Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI)

Update on ESI Taskforce - Joan Robbins and Marvin Miller

- Jim Porter did a great job leading this taskforce.
- Need to keep the lines of communication open as we move forward. Progress has been made because of this taskforce.
- Continue to hear and listen to the voices that differ from our perspectives.
- SEAC needs to be proactive to keep lines of communication open with the various stakeholders.

Future of the taskforce

- Presentations will occur for legislators. Jim Porter will be leading these presentations.
- First presentation is scheduled for tomorrow at 1:30pm. SEAC members may attend in the gallery but will not be able to speak.

Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Regulations – Laura Jergensen and Julie Ehler

- Regulations – Scott Gordon will provide an update to the board tomorrow. Regulations were amended to include the statutes. No substantial changes have been made.
- When the Attorney General's office approves the regulations they will then go through a public comment period.
- Implementation would occur for 2016-2017.
- ESI Data is required to be reported to the legislative committees yearly. This information will be presented to the State Board tomorrow.

KSDE Updates – Colleen Riley

ESSA – update to ESEA - PowerPoint

- ESEA reauthorization, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), was passed in December.
- Title I requirements have not significantly changed in most areas.
- Public comment period will be needed before this law goes into effect.
- States will have increased flexibility.
- These regulations provide funding and regulations for Title and other specific programs. Updates will be provided at future SEAC meetings.
- New state report cards on KSDE website provide much richer data about schools than just assessment data. <http://ksreportcard.ksde.org/>

KIAS update – PowerPoint

- Integrated monitoring and technical support for districts in Kansas

Upcoming conferences

- OSEP Virtual Meeting, February 1-3, 2016. Kansas has been asked to present our KIAS system.
- Impact Institutes
 - June 14-15 Emporia State University
 - July 6-7 Fort Hays State University
- Summer Leadership Conference – July 26-28, 2016 in Wichita at the Hyatt Regency
Registration and travel are reimbursed for you as members to any of these conferences.

SPP/APR Update – Colleen - PowerPoint

- Letter from Commissioner on Assessment - Handout
- Assessment data is now being reported for students in regard to them being college ready. Proficiency levels are no longer measured or reported.
- Information is being shared with parents at this time on how to interpret assessment data
- Discussion about assessment data and setting annual targets for the State Performance Plan.

Marcy Aycock moved to approve the annual assessment targets as presented. It was seconded by Barbara Kempf.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

- David Lindeman – Early Childhood Unified License – Handouts

ESEA Advisory Council – Colleen

- Council is being set up by KSDE for ESEA to help the agency define and implement the new requirements. They will meet the first time on January 27. Membership includes Title I school districts, equity center, and other groups that will influence the work.
- Talking Points Kansans Can – handout. This is a publication to support the promotion of the State Board Vision.

Career and Technical Education Update – Jay Scott - PowerPoint

- K-12 career exploration

- What variables exist that create college dropout rates? Finances and lack of sense of belonging are two key factors.
- Dual credit high school/college courses are increasing every year.
- Specific work based experience will be available for credit in the future.
- Students with disabilities need a structured way to access these programs of study. Accessibility is an issue for all students. Individual Plans of Study should help in this area as we move teachers to differentiated instruction.
- Teacher training is an issue. Teachers need instruction to meet the needs of the students entering their classes.

Brad Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner: Kansans Can

State Board goals were adopted today to support the new vision - Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. Academic preparation is only one factor in student success. This new vision will take time to build and implement. It will likely change as we move forward.

Graduation is no longer the only goal of K-12 education. It is a celebration in the process of preparing students. KSDE will build the system from bottom up and from the top down as needed.

It will take a lot of input from schools and districts. Our current board is adamant on moving Kansas education forward and listening to the voices of educators and parents.

This board is developing a multi-year strategic plan. The board recognizes that it takes time to implement change and make a difference.

Comments:

- Great direction with a refreshing feel.
- This is the biggest paradigm shift I've seen. How will KSDE move forward with these goals in the adversarial environment that exists?
 - People in the educational and business community are wanting students to be success. New commissioner's energy has changed the environment. With the passage of ESSA, federal level requirements are changing and this will help as well.
 - Workgroups have been formed to begin building these new steps and they are across the division and the agency.
 - Input from stakeholders is also being sought on multiple levels.

State Board Introductions and presentation of the SEAC Annual Report 2014-2015.

Council Reports

Families Together – Lesli Girard

- Save the Date April 9 Statewide Conference in Wichita (Metroplex at Wichita State University)
- Examples for discussion to be used for training purposes for new principals, etc.

Other Reports

Judy Martin – Current Homeless children – 9715 students are homeless in Kansas this year. Of those 1685 are individuals with disabilities. It is a slight decrease of the total number and an increase in the number of students with disabilities.

Two upcoming conferences

- Human Trafficking Conference – Wichita January 29th at WSU \$100 registration fee.
- Save the date for the 17th Annual Statewide Homeless Conference, April 25-27 in Manhattan at the Four Points.

Bryan Wilson - Project Search presentation was requested for a future SEAC meeting. Bryan will send some contact information for a possible presenter for the April SEAC meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Bryan Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Karen Kroh seconded.
Motion passed.

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Members Present:

Marcy Aycock
Tina Gibson
Deb Howser

Stacie Clarkson
Lesli Girard
Barbara Kempf

Amy Dejmal
Rebekah Helget
Kathy Kersenbrock-
Ostmeyer
Judy Martin
Matt Ramsey
Bryan Wilson

Karen Kroh
Marvin Miller
Joan Robbins

Luanne Barron (for Joan Macy)
Diane Plunkett
Sarah Schaffer

Members Absent:

Robb Scott

Deb Young

KSDE Staff:

Colleen Riley

Vera Stroup-Rentier

Pat Bone

Guests:

Lee Stickle

Linda Wilkerson

Summary of discussion with State Board Members:

- New KSDE Vision
- Individual Plans of study
- Licensure in the area of Early Childhood
- Emergency Safety Interventions

Attended State Board meeting to hear report of the Emergency State Interventions Task Force.

TASN Updates Lee Stickle, TASN Autism and Tertiary Behavior Supports and Linda Wilkerson, Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports

Discussion

- Check out the resources on the TASN website – great, free resources.
<http://ksdetasn.org/> Select Resources. Refine Search by type – video/webinar/podcast and by audience – educators or on the Resources page, search for Terry Scott.

Announcement - Vera Stroup-Rentier

State Board has just announced that Kansas Early Childhood programs will be moving to the Dept. of Ed if the governor's budget passes.

Other

- Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer - Kansas Action for Children is concerned about the Early Childhood recommendations regarding the Children's Cabinet.
- A positive for the move of Early Childhood requirements will come from one source.
- Concern – future funds on Children's Initiative Funds (CIF) dollars. As these dollars decrease how will the programs being funded be maintained.

- Early childhood licensure statement. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.
- Change in location of the hearing today. Joint House/Senate meeting with Randy Watson this afternoon at the state capitol.
- First presentation of the Emergency Safety Intervention taskforce will occur tomorrow.

Motion to adjourn

Diane Plunkett made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Marvin Miller.

Motion Passed.