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Kansas Special Education Advisory Council
July 26 '06
Wichita Airport Hilton
(in conjunction with the KSDE Leadership Conference)
Website www.kansped.org

Attendees:

√	Armentrout, Shirley	√	Neil Guthrie	√	Ruth Santner
√	Kendra Bittner	√	Mary Lou Heller	√	Vicki Sharp
√	Clayton, Susan		Bob Maile	√	Sean Smith
√	Roni Crosser	√	Larry Meyer	√	Pam Sumner
√	Mike Donnelly	√	Bert Moore	√	Josie Torrez
	Janice Frahm		Krista Morris		

Guests: KSDE staff Kevin Cherveney, Linda Geier, and Jane Groff

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Welcome	Chair-elect Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm with introductions of new members.
Approval of agenda and minutes of April '06 meeting	The meeting agenda was approved with one addition. The April '06 meeting minutes were approved as written with Susan Clayton's motion and Pam Sumner's second.
Overview of Leadership Conference	Jane Groff provided an overview of the Leadership conference activities being held July 27-28 at the Airport Hilton. The conference is highlighted by keynote speakers Jonathan Mooney and Jessica Brodey. The KSTARS projects provided the poster displays for the conference.
Overview of Guide To Special Education document	Jane Groff explained the process for development of this Guide, expected to be released in September '06. The Guide will be presented to parents and principals, and will be available at the www/kansped.org website.
Seclusion/Restraint Regulations	Linda Geier presented a draft edition of the Seclusion/Restraint Regulations that will be presented to the State Board at its August '06 meeting before going out for public hearings. The taskforce that drafted the regulations will also develop a follow-up Guideline document. Member Mike Donnelly proposed that the

SEAC recommend the State Board of Education take the steps necessary to forward the proposed regulations on Seclusion and Restraint to a public comment process.

Grant updates:

- **Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)** Kerry Ottlinger provided an historical overview of the implementation of these grants, intended to assist districts in improving results for students with disabilities, specifically in areas identified through the State Performance Plan (SPP) and Focused Assistance and Monitoring (FAM) accountability process, which replaces the Continuous Improvement Application (CIA) process.
- **State Improvement Grant (SIG)** Kerry reported that breakout sessions at the USDOE Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Leadership Conference would be presented by the Inclusive Network of Kansas project staff and the KSDE District Support Teams.
- **General Supervision Enhancement Grant (GSEG)** Kerry reported that KSDE has received an additional one-year no-cost extension to the grant from OSEP to help build an infrastructure for an early childhood outcomes database, post-school outcomes database, and suspension/exclusion.

Public Comment

None received

Council member reports

Ruth Santner reported that SRS has issued an RFP for an education liaison staff person to work with schools in assuring students in out-of-home placement receive all their credits and to assist those not graduating with post-school classes or programs.

KSDE / Student Support Services update:

- **OSEP Verification Visit** KSDE SSS team will be visited by OSEP on September 12 – 14 '06 to review to processes KSDE uses to carry out the responsibilities of IDEA. The review will focus on 618 data collection system, general supervision, state assessment systems; and a fiscal review of IDEA funds.

Members were asked to participate in a conference call with OSEP scheduled for August 17th @ 2:00 pm to answer questions around: the accuracy of the special education data; the effectiveness of the State system to identify and correct non-compliance with IDEA requirements; the statewide assessment program.

- **Statewide IEP** Kevin Cherveney reported on the progress being made by a statewide taskforce charged with the development of a standardized IEP format that could seamlessly move with the student from district to district.

- **KSDE's new School Innovations Division**

Kerry Ottlinger provided information on the development of this newly created division within KSDE which will bring together two new teams: Improvement and Support Team and Professional Learning Communities. KSDE applicants for these new positions are being interviewed in the next few weeks. Larry Englebrick has been appointed the division's Deputy Commissioner, Sara Thomas appointed as the Improvement & Support Team Director, and Jeannette Nobo as the Professional Learning Communities Team Director.

Review & discuss

- **2006-07 SEAC Action Plan**
- **2005-06 SEAC Annual Report**

Members reviewed the 2005-06 Annual Report and provided input into the development of the 2006-07 Action Plan, offering suggestions for new areas of study and interest to SEAC for the upcoming year. The Annual Report will be submitted to the State Board during their October '06 meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next scheduled meeting:

October 10, 2006 9:00am – 4:00pm
KSDE Satellite Meeting Room



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October 11 '06
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Guests: Jane Groff, Doug Bowman, Margy Hornback

Agenda Items

Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Bob Maile began the meeting at 9:00 am with the introduction and welcome of Colleen Riley, new State Director of Special Education and SEAC secretary.

Approval of agenda and minutes of July '06 meeting

The meeting agenda was approved with one addition.

The July '06 meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Mike Donnelly and second from Shirley Armentrout, with one addition to the Seclusion & Restraint Regulations agenda item.

OSEP Annual Leadership Conference overview

Bob Maile & Colleen Riley provided an overview of the OSEP Annual Leadership Conference they attended in Washington, D.C, August 28-30 '06. Focus of the meeting centered on the newly released 2004 IDEA Special Education Regulations, which align with IDEA 2004, and noting that accountability, responsibility, and flexibility was the theme of IDEA. All information shared at the conference is available at www.IDEA.ed.gov.

OSEP Verification Visit overview

Colleen provided an overview of the OSEP verification visit to KSDE SSS, September 11-14 '06. OSEP reviewed our

system and what it looks like. Pre-visit conference calls included SEAC members, and a desk audit was also supplied to OSEP which was a comprehensive review prior to their visit answering a lot of questions about what Kansas is doing to support Special Education. OSEP ended the visit with an informal comment session with compliments for the Kansas' data collection system, the high level of compliance provided in the State Performance Plan, Kansas' resources directed toward non-compliance with KSTARS projects tied in, the successful collaboration agency-wide with our assessment project, and parent involvement with assessment issues. Outside presenters to the visit: included Scott Smith, Dale Dennis, KDHE Early Childhood partners, Mark Ward with complaint data.

Public Comment

Doug Bowman, representative of the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), provided an overview of committee work on a Medicaid Autism Waiver proposal. Members asked to be kept informed and invited Doug back for a future co-meeting w/ICC, and suggest that this information be provided to a future meeting of the Council of Superintendents.

Council member reports

Bob Maile provided the following handouts: The 16th Bracey Report on The Condition of Public Education; The Kansas Commission On Disability Concerns map of disability representative groups; Bruce Passman's testimony to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee on A School Administrator's Perspective on Issues Related to Programs for Students with Autism.

KSDE / Student Support Services (SSS) update

Colleen Riley relayed to members that the KANSPED website will be updated with a more user-friendly appearance. Members suggested including a short directory identifying subjects and contacts, as well as training offerings. SSS currently has 3 EPC positions open. Staff are currently working to update the State Performance Plan (SPP); and the Annual Performance Report (APR) is due to OSEP Feb. 1 '07. KSDE legal staff are currently working on a draft of state regulation that will align with IDEA 2004, which will go out for public comment in January '07. SSS staff are currently working on updating the Process Handbook.

Seclusion/Restraint

A guideline workgroup, led by KSDE's Rod Bieker has been meeting to establish a Seclusion/Restraint Guideline document. The State Board did not meet majority vote for

public hearings for the Guideline, due to lack of voting members.

State Performance Plan (SPP) Stakeholders

SSS staff Margy Hornback talked with members about SEAC's role in providing feedback to the SPP indicators.

Other discussion

Members discussed some of the impact NCLB will have on Special Education students and districts. It was decided to organize a sub-committee to develop a list of "talking points" suggestions for changes to NCLB reauthorization in 2007. The list will result in a position paper submitted to the Kansas State Board of Education by the end of the 2006-07 SEAC term. Sub-committee members include: Colleen Riley, Bert Moore, Neil Guthrie.

The following websites and information was shared by members:

- www.NSTTAC.org for secondary transition.
- www.directionservice.org/cadre for facilitated IEP meeting information
- www.pbis.org for positive behavior intervention support
- www.gpo.access for printed government documents
- Cochlear implant mapping is not an IEP service (optimizing level is not required).
- Parent consent is only need once per school year.
- IEP team members can be excused from meetings only if approved by the parent and members, and they offer their input in writing (must align with Kansas statute). This is intended to support the go-ahead for IEP meeting when staff not available, but not on a habitual basis.

Review & discuss 2006-07 SEAC Action Plan

Members reviewed the proposed Action Plan and elected to review privately and submit changes at a future meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next scheduled meeting:

November 21, 2006 9:00am – 4:00pm
Kansas School for the Deaf
450 E. Park
Olathe KS



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November 21 '06
Kansas State School for the Deaf
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Attendees:

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√	Kendra Bittner		Mary Lou Heller	√	Ruth Santner
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Agenda Items

Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Bob Maile called the meeting to order at 9:15 am with the announcement of the resignation of SEAC member Veronica Crosser – representing parent of a child with a disability. Bob provided information and materials about the history of the Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD).

Approval of agenda and minutes of October '06 meeting

The meeting agenda was approved by a motion from Bert Moore.

The October '06 meeting minutes were approved with one addition by a motion from Pam Sumner.

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) report

In an effort to better coordinate activities of the State Interagency Coordinating Council & KSDE, Doug Bowman, ICC member, presented a draft proposal being included as part of the Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS) 2007 legislative package, which would direct general education funds generated by children aged 3-5 years with special needs to be “earmarked” to provide services to those **same** children. SRS Secretary Daniels is leading the discussion. The proposal will include a request for fiscal funds. Members discussed implications of this proposal and

stated that systems were already in place to insure this so legislation is not necessary.

Sound START
(Specialized Teams for families to Access Resources and Training)

KSD staff Carol Busch and Kim Sykes provided an overview of this proposed statewide plan of training, resources and support for families who have young children with hearing loss to ensure they receive comprehensive, unbiased information and support through regional consultation within the tiny-k networks. This proposal will be presented to a legislative committee.

Marra Museum of Deaf History

Members were provided an on-site informational tour the Marra Museum.

Public Comment

Members discussed information received through an e-mail sent to member Janice Frahm from a principal voicing concerns about the Special Education state assessment – 2% KAMM, 1% alternate assessment, and grade level comparison between Special Education and regular education students. Colleen indicated that there are on-going discussions between KSDE and the USDOE Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to clarify issues around the assessment of students with IEPs.

KSDE / Student Support Services (SSS) update

Colleen Riley provided an overview of work being done to KSDE's State Performance Plan. She announced the arrival of new SSS Education Program Consultants Stacie Martin and Linda Geiger. Deaf Education Guidelines are being drafted and are nearly ready for public comment. The SSS Process Handbook is being updated with an expected early summer release. A workgroup organized by Linda Geier will proceed with a draft guideline for Seclusion/Restraint so that something will be in place hopefully in fall '07. NCLB Reauthorization is a high priority with KSDE developing "talking point" issues which will be provided to USDOE OSEP .

NCLB Talking Points

Bob distributed a draft of "talking points" developed to support a position statement from SEAC voicing concerns with NCLB reauthorization. This will be shared with the Kansas State Board of Education & OSEP, as well as advocacy groups statewide. Colleen encouraged members to provide their input to legislators. Bob asked members to provide input into the draft via e-mail or phone to Colleen. Colleen will be visiting with the Kansas legislative delegation in Washington DC to discuss these points.

**SEAC Annual Report
& Action Plan**

Members provided input for changes/additions. Deb Burns will update and forward to members for final review.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Next scheduled meeting:

January 9 '07 9:00am – 4:00pm

January 10 '07 7:30am – 12:00 pm

KSDE 2nd floor conference room

120 SE 10th Ave

Topeka, KS



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January 9-10 '07
Kansas State Department of Education 2nd floor conference room
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√	Janice Frahm	√	Bert Moore	√	Pam Sumner
		√	Krista Morris	√	Josie Torrez

Guests: Debbie Matthews - KSDE, Kyle Kessler - KDHE, Kerry Ottlinger - KSDE, Jeanette Souther - KSDE, Dr. Margy Hornback – KSDE, Kathleen Wilson - DRC, Doug Bowman – ICC

Agenda Items

Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Bob Maile called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

Approval of agenda and minutes of October '06 meeting

The meeting agenda was approved with one addition: review of 2005-06 SEAC Annual Report & 2006-07 SEAC Action Plan, and preparation for the SEAC hosted breakfast meeting with the State Board members.

The November '06 meeting minutes were approved by a motion from Janice Frahm, seconded by Vicki Sharp. It was noted that the October '06 minutes need to be amended to reflect Vicki Sharp's presence.

Autism Waiver

SRS staff Kyle Kessler & Michelle Ponte presented an overview and answered questions by Council members around the Draft SRS Proposal for an Early Intervention Autism Waiver, which is designed to provide parent support & training, attendant care, social skills training & behavioral

intervention, therapeutic daycare, and case management.

Council member reports

Members received a handout update about the Building-level Administration Graduate Program @ KU from Tom Skrtic.

Bob Maile provided a handout with information about the CEC clearinghouse on research-based strategies – what works and doesn't.

Ruth Santner announced the awarding of an SRS project to Keys for Networking, designed to help improve the graduation rate for out-of-home placed youth age 15 and older by looking at records and accessing services for these youth.

Bert Moore provided an update on the Infinitec Coalition which supports assistive technology and training to district staff. 52% of districts statewide currently participate.

Shirley Armentrout provided a handout comparison from KASB of public & private school services.

Receive draft of the SPP/APR

Jeanette Souther & Dr. Margy Hornback reported on the progress for completion of the State Performance Report (SPP) that is to be submitted to OSEP by February 1 '07, which consists of reporting data on 20 indicators. The Annual Performance Report (APR) is an update/progress report of the SPP.

Public Comment

None received

Members introduced to State Board members

Members made a brief appearance at the State Board of Education (SBOE) Meeting to be introduced and answer questions regarding the 2006-07 SEAC Annual Report which SBOE members received. Dr. Bob Maile provided a short presentation of SEAC activities to the SBOE.

2005-06 SEAC Annual Report & 2006-07 Action Plan

Members were provided a copy of the 2005-06 SEAC Annual Report, and briefly reviewed the final 2006-07 SEAC Action Plan.

KSDE / Student Support Services (SSS) update

Colleen Riley provided the following updates:

- SSS staff Patty Gray is leading a KSDE agency workgroup to develop a guidance document around a multi-tier model of providing high-quality instruction and interventions matched to student need in general

education.

- Information about a change to Lead Agency for Part C Infant and Toddler Services, along with the copy of a letter to the Governor's Office .
- KSDE Customer Service nominations forms were distributed to members.
- A draft document regarding Gifted IEP was distributed to members. The document aligns specific topics for on-line access to questions & answers for parents and professionals, aligned with state regulation.
- Seclusion/Restraint regulation was distributed to members. A public hearing is set for Feb 13 @ 1:30 @ KSDE. KSDE Student Support Services Team supporting the existing workgroup to write the guidelines, as well as training documents for Seclusion/Restraint. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 23 '07.

SBOE breakfast planning

Members agreed to utilize the current SEAC Action Plan for a basis of discussion with board members, as well as the SEAC NCLB Talking Points document.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Meeting continuation on January 10 '07

Host SBOE information breakfast

SEAC hosted the SBOE members with a get-acquainted breakfast. Discussion was centered around issues SEAC plans to study for the upcoming year. SBOE requested reporting by SEAC on several current issues around education which included: Dyslexia, Seclusion/Restraint, retention/attrition of teachers, listening to parents, No Child Left Behind, and Early Intervention Services.

Review draft of proposed Regulations:

• IDEA 2004 Kansas Regulations

- KSDE Staff Rod Bieker provided an overview of the draft 2004 Kansas IDEA Regulations, which conform and directly align with the 2004 IDEA Federal Regulations that were released August 2006. This draft will be available on-line and Rod requests SEAC member input via e-mail. Public hearing will take place, after which Rod will make any changes. Expected date for release is Fall 2007.

- **Seclusion/Restraint Regulations**

- Rod led members in a review and discussion of the draft Seclusion/Restraint Regulations, available on-line at <http://www.kansped.org/ksde/new/newitems.html>, which will go to public hearing on February 13 '07. This regulation, developed by KSDE and a committee of practitioners, was originated as a result of an legislative education committee bill introduced to regulate seclusion/restraint of special education students. After member discussion, a motion was taken that a SEAC will submit a letter to the SBOE in support of these guidelines.

Other:

A motion was taken to invite SRS & KSDE staff to the February 13 '07 meeting to discuss proposals to become Lead Agency for Part C Infant-Toddler services.

Next scheduled meeting: February 13 '07 9:00 am
KSDE 2nd floor conference room
120 SE 10th Ave Topeka, KS



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			Krista Morris	√	Josie Torrez

Guests: Kyle Kessler - SRS, Kerry Ottlinger - KSDE, Dr. Margy Hornback - KSDE, Gayle Stuber – KSDE, Kathleen Wilson - DRC, Doug Bowman – ICC, Michelle Ponte - SRS, Brian Kellems - KU, Patty Noonan - KU, Rocky Nichols - DRC, Lesli Girard – Families Together, Patty Gray - KSDE

Agenda Items

Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Bob Maile called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Visitors and members were introduced.

Approval of agenda and minutes of January '07 meeting

The agenda was approved as written

Approval of the January '07 minutes was tabled until the April '07 meeting.

Lead Agency change for Part C Infant-Toddler

• **SRS**

SRS staff Kyle Kessler & Michelle Ponte identified the areas of focus to SRS proposal for Infant Toddler services – Part C of IDEA Lead Agency Status.

• **KSDE**

KSDE staff Dr. Margy Hornback and Dr. Gayle Stuber provided an overview of KSDE assurances to proposal for Infant Toddler services – Part C of IDEA Lead Agency

Status.

Seclusion & Restraint	SEAC will provide a letter to the State Board of Education members during today's public hearing on seclusion and restraint regulations, in support of the proposed guidelines, with the recommendation to include careful monitoring of compliance and an annual summary presented to and reviewed by the SEAC.
Council member reports	None received
Public Comment	Rocky Nichols and Kathleen Wilson, of the Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC), asked that SEAC provide support for regulations over guidelines for the proposed Seclusion & Restraint regulation.
State Improvement Grant update	Kerry Ottlinger, Patty Noonan, and Brian Kellems provided an overview of a proposed 2007-2011 Kansas State Personnel Development Grant Application (previously known as the Kansas State Improvement Grant). This 5-year grant proposal focuses on improving the learning and lives of students with disabilities, and Kansas' unique needs emphasizing staff development that supports implementation of an RtI Multi-tiered framework within local districts.
KSDE / Student Support Services (SSS) update	<p>Colleen Riley provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dyslexia: Colleen reported that Student Support Services received a request from the State Board for information concerning how Kansas identifies dyslexia and how services are provided. Kansas recommends school personnel participate in General Education Interventions any time there is a suspected disability with a student. Students with dyslexia would be included in these interventions. If special education services are necessary, Kansas statute allows for students to be identified Other Health Impaired (OHI) or Learning Disabled (LD). There is a lot of information available on the internet regarding dyslexia. Caution should be used when reviewing this information to be sure scientifically based methods are used to support those with dyslexia and other disability areas.• SPP/APR: Colleen relayed to members that the State Performance Report & Annual Performance Reports were submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs on February 1 '07. She distributed a copy of the SSS Fact

sheet, listing SSS functions and identifying staff expertise.

KSDE Multi-Tiered Approach

Patty Gray provided an overview of a training opportunities have been created to provide educators in Kansas with a proactive approach to schools that are restructuring academic and behavior supports to improve outcomes for all students.

View public comment proceedings of the SBOE meeting via TV

Members viewed the proceedings.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: April 10 '07 9:00 am
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Guests: Kathleen Wilson - DRC, Rebecca Rosenthal – KCD, Martha Gage – KSDE, Susan Helbert - KSDE

Agenda Items

Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Bob Maile called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Bob announced that Shirley Armentrout has resigned her position on SEAC due to family health concerns, and Ruth Santner has resigned because of ineligibility due to job change. Pam Sumner will not renew her SEAC membership for 2007-08 due to professional commitments.

Approval of agenda and minutes of January '07 meeting

The agenda was approved with amendments.

The February '07 minutes were approved as written on Josie Torrez' motion and Neil Guthrie's second.

Old Business / New Business

Bob Maile requested member feedback for the development of a letter of support for Part C Lead Agency. On a motion by Bert Moore and seconded by Sean Smith, members agreed the SEAC will take a position to support KSDE as lead agency by addressing the Governor with a letter of support. It was noted that the State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) will make it's recommendation for lead

agency to the Governor on April 13 '07.

Colleen Riley provided an update of the State Board action to approve Guidelines in lieu of Regulations for Seclusion / Restraint. Since then, the original workgroup has began developing a technical assistance guidance document. The Student Support Services (SSS) team is working to develop a reporting requirements document (ie. district instances of seclusion).

Colleen updated members on the State Board member requests for Dyslexia information, noting that there is a process in place in Kansas for students to be identified in order to receive appropriate services. Dyslexia can be covered in IDEA under learning disabilities and/or other health impaired.

Bert Moore reported on the study of an Autism Waiver, noting that he will attend the April 20th meeting of the SRS Autism Committee. Colleen reports that an SSS team member Stacie Martin will also attend. Members expressed concern for support of a plan to include these type services for all children w/disabilities, not just one group, and requested a follow-up summary of the findings. Increased use of interagency agreements was discussed.

After nominations were verbally received, the following members were elected SEAC Chair-Elect:

- 2007-08 – Larry Meyer
- 2008-09 – Sean Smith

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Martha Gage & Susan Helbert provided an update of the Performance-based Licensing System and Standards, as mandated by the State Board in 1992. NCLB now mandates special education teachers be highly qualified. The Kansas Performance Assessment proves that teachers are qualified. Martha suggests SEAC collaborate with the Professional Standards Board. Susan provided information on future proposals for changes to licensure – some directly affecting Special Education.

Deaf Child Bill of Rights

Rebecca Rosenthal, representing an ad-hoc committee, provided an overview of a draft Bill of Rights for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children. The purpose of the bill, containing 15 rights, is to focus on education and the unique nature of deafness as it relates to the human need for language and

communication skills for children with hearing loss. The committee is seeking feedback from stakeholder groups, such as SEAC, as well as the blessing of KSDE. Members were provided a feedback form to complete & return to Rebecca.

KSDE/ SSS Update

The State Performance Plan was submitted to OSEP in Feb. '07, reporting on 12 of the 20 indicators. The remaining indicators will be reported on in the next two years. Kansas did not meet the targets on four indicators. Colleen provided copies of MPRRC's Setting New Standards – The State Performance Plan document. KSDE should be provided feedback from OSEP to the Kansas plan in June '07.

KSDE Special Education Regulations are being reviewed by the State Board. The Student Support Services Team is updating the Process Handbook which is expected to be released summer '07.

Council Member Reports

Bob Maile referred to a newspaper article concerning the 2% alternate assessment, and an article concerning changes to the methods of labeling. Bob also distributed information concerning the Luther Taylor Day at the K, a baseball fundraiser for the Kansas School for the Deaf.

Susan Clayton attended the KSDE Law Conference and encouraged members to attend next year, saying that the conference was very informative.

Public Comment

None received

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.