Group	**Virtual Schools Advisory Council**	*Date / Location* ***Greenbush*** ***947 W 47 Hwy*** ***Girard, KS 66743-0189*** ***(620) 724-6281***	***Wed, 2/25/09*** ***10:00 am – 1:00 pm***
Facilitator	Bill Hagerman	*Recorder*	Gwen Kramer/Pat Scrivner

KSDE Mission	**Leadership and Support for Student Learning**

Objectives

1. Redesign the delivery system to meet our students' changing needs
2. Provide an effective educator in every classroom
3. Ensure a visionary and effective leader in every school
4. Improve communication with all constituent groups and policy partners

Members - (present at meeting X, absent at meeting left blank)

	Matt Berens		Marla Elmquist	x	Mike Mathes	x	Robin Surland
	Mike Bodensteiner		Dr. Bart Goering	x	Kim Myers		Kim White
	Dr. Gillian Chapman	x	Dr. William Hagerman		Jan Neufeld		Tonya Witherspoon
	Dr. Diane DeBacker	x	Sherry Hurn		Sherry Reed		
x	Brenda DeGroot		Gary Lewis		Colleen Riley		Guests:
x	Duane Dorshorst		Kathy Martin		Elizabeth Ann Sanders	x	David Dennis-Wichita
						x	Terri Eis-SC
						x	Brooke Blanc
						x	Randy Rivers
						x	Tom Lawson
						x	Carol Woolbright

Agenda Items	***Key Points Discussed***	***Action or follow-up***
I. Welcome and Introductions	Mike Mathes called the meeting to order via desktop video streaming from the Greenbush site. One of the two links listed below could have been used for virtual access to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Gwen Kramer as everyone signed in or was acknowledged. http://tv.greenbush.us http://www.ustream.tv/channel/greenbush-live	
II. Agenda Review, Minutes and Housekeeping	The norm for the meeting in this virtual setting included: -State name and where from -Three minutes or less for comment Mike Bodensteiner moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2008 meeting. Robin Surland, from Wichita seconded. Minutes from the last meeting were approved with no corrections.	

III. Public Comment		
IV. Community Representative to the Council	Update on representative recommendations for: Community Colleges Parent	Teri Eis has some supportive parents she will ask.
V. Advertising by Virtual Schools	Review what the Virtual Guidelines requires Additional considerations and/or recommendations -Robin Surland mentioned she has been gathering virtual school enrollment to see the up or down swing. Data from 06-07 is the last current data available. Comments about advertising: -Make sure there is truth in the advertisement -Communities are advertising -Advertising is free enterprise, cant' fight it -Competition is healthy, we are all better for it -Tells about education in KS (we should be telling our story) -Should we be adding virtual info to our bricks & mortar District info -We now have different needs for our diverse population -Local boards and using KS certified teachers puts the control at the local level -If they are managed by the school district, they are getting credit from that school -If contracted out, make that explicit in the advertising -Can anyone stop virtual education, it is still education -Not meeting needs of students and virtual schools are for student needs -Some districts share FTE but need to resolve issues with the state data system -There is not a grievance process at this time -Procedure for false advertising? (especially through contractors) -Local programs do not add virtual schools to their Budgets -If contractor has filed with Better Business Bureau, Kansas State Board of Education can say can't do business if false advertising -Depend on integrity of school district -Oversight needs to include more specifics on who to contact within the school district -Is it possible to level the playing field -There's not equity in a lot of things is the reality -More LOB down the road	Board recommendations: -Materials, let school district which Virtual School resides in know are advertising -Regarding laptops, they are loners, they are not free -Point out differences between Virtual Schools with approved programs -Emerging process request from 2010 commission for status of Virtual Education; 3 of the larger programs will report to legislature

VI. Review of the Virtual/Online Desktop Audit	Please visit http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=455 and follow the link called 2008-2009 Desktop Audit. This is what is submitted. This just needs to be reviewed for needed changes and sent to the State Board. Not enough info? Too much info? Quality of info? Virtual Schools accountability to KSDE now in place: Intent-register w/KSDE, then Desktop Audit/communication, accountability measurement, QPA Annual Report Data is saying that 90% of Virtual School students in KS have not been enrolled in a KS school in the previous year -How to verify seat time? -Perhaps a change in document could be project based learning tied to seat time -Different model and funding tied to it -Engagement without online only experience? -Because logged on doesn't mean engaged online…Outcome or output? -Item 2C-put in system so auditors know what to look for -Student get right credit for assessment? District school or Virtual School responsible for score?(student gets result) Really up to districts if sharing a student…supporting data on documentation? -Audit form – should not be held to any higher standard than a regular school	Look at before next meeting…What to use to monitor student online progress? Ideas for what type of documentation should be used for next meeting.
VII. Funding Issues	Review of funding issues: -At-Risk *How counted? Under normal circumstances probably have some At-Risk students *Something beyond what doing for all students could clearly show in a page or two *Cutting staff because of Virtual funding? -Local Option Budget *Legislature thinking of cutting -Agreements between districts for services *Share, if can't deliver, will help do it -Other issues? *FTE for students in VS program, no weightings go with caused some consequences *Credit Recovery-some setup *K-8 through mid Feb (Fall & Spring) – charge tuition for credit recovery students	

VIII. State Assessment Issues & AYP Issues	a. Getting students to take the assessments How getting that done? Get supplemental-could be 2 and 3 tiers of MTSS Based on residency? Requirements around AP delivery…home school can't deliver Assessment – require to come onsite to take b/c most do not have 2 computers at home with Skyp for interaction – have to take monitored tests – KS computerized assessment – condition of enrollment with 10 locations around the state b. Graduation issues Still needs discussion…students come and go out of VS. KIDS data system helps if stay in state. Ask parent to cover cost. Education Service Centers for Community Learning Centers c. Attendance issues Elementary? Will/do take students into program after Sept 20? Policy?	
IX. Other Issues	d. Parent Questions? e. Web Streaming Comments Cut down on travel Time and money saved Can be involved without the travel Consensus - June 3 meeting will be delivered the same way	What to do?... because my child needs this.

		Next Meeting	
		Date / Time:	***June 3, 2009 10-1***
		Location:	***SWPRSC - Sublette***