Group	**Virtual Schools Advisory Council**	*Date / Location* ***Seaman USD 345 Central Office 901 NW Lyman Rd. Topeka KS***	***Tuesday, 9/16/08 10:00 am – 3:00 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	√	Mike Mathes	√	Robin Surland
√	Mike Bodensteiner	√	Dr. Bart Goering	√	Kim Myers	√	Kim White
	Dr. Gillian Chapman	√	Dr. William Hagerman	√	Jan Neufeld		Tonya Witherspoon
√	Dr. Diane DeBacker	√	Sherri Hurn		Sherry Reed		
√	Brenda DeGroot	√	Gary Lewis	√	Colleen Riley		
	Duane Dorshorst	√	Kathy Martin	√	Dr. Elizabeth Ann Sanders, PhD		

Agenda Items	***Key Points Discussed***	***Action or follow-up***
I. Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Mike Mathes from Seaman, USE 345, who agreed to be the Chairperson. - Everyone in attendance shared their name, where they were from and why they were interested in Virtual Schools. - Recommendations from the field is how the Virtual Schools Advisory Council was formed. -Members consist of some that have Virtual Schools and some that don't. -Members are from all parts of the state -Members are represented by virtual schools in the field from different locations and several viewpoints	
II. Agenda Review and Housekeeping **A. Today's work-guidelines** **B. Meeting format**	Handouts were available to everyone in attendance: ▪ Agenda ▪ Senate Bill 669 ▪ Virtual Schools Advisory Council Member List ▪ Virtual Schools List ▪ Virtual Requirements ▪ Budget Info - More members are needed to fill some vacant roles of the advisory council. Suggestions will be requested later in the meeting. The KSDE consultant position for Virtual Schools is currently vacant and Bill Hagerman is temporarily taking care of business at this time. - Mike Murphy will be presenting about what the guidelines actually say.	

III. Review Advisory Committee's role, responsibility, and length of service **A. Elect a vice-chair** **B. Suggestions for filling out the committee**	The Virtual Schools Advisory Council is not a policy making committee. The council can make recommendations which can then be presented to KSDE and then, if needed, the KSBE. All viewpoints will be considered. - Volunteers were requested. Mike Bodensteiner volunteered and no opposition was indicated so Mike will serve as the Vice-Chair. <u>Community College Reps</u>: - Brett Butler of Cowley Community College - Bill Osborne of Johnson County Community College - ???, in charge of Virtual Programs at Pratt Community College <u>Parent Reps</u>: - Kathy Hood - Westmoreland - Randy Warner – Olathe (head of Academy but parent also) - Will check with their parents (Robin Surland and Dr. Bart Goering) <u>Students</u>: During discussion of possible representatives another suggestion was made about having virtual school students participate by means of a focus group.	
IV. Guidelines – What is the work? **A. Review some of the issues and changes** **B. Discuss some of the funding issues**	SEE ATTACHMENT (Flip Chart Notes) Referred to handout of Senate Bill 669 for statute Shared handout from website about Virtual Education Requirements in Kansas. Handout was provided from website of current Virtual Schools/Programs in Kansas. <u>Mike Murphy presentation</u>: -This year student base aid is $4433.00. -Other factors weight students. -Virtual weighting=1.05 for a regular student, .025 for non proficient, .08 or advanced placement. -FTE is prorated under new law. -KIDS program cannot split FTE – Director of KSDE auditing will figure (ex.-Special Ed enrolled in Virtual). -Auditors check documentation for all things reported. -Student enrollment numbers are due on or after Sept 21st and before Oct 5th. If the due dates falls on a weekend, it's due the next business day and the timeline is from midnight to midnight. -Funding normally goes to district providing the education. -A home school district is 200 sq. mi. with an enrollment of 260 pupils.	

C. Outline what the State Board Would like to have this group advise them **D. Monitor and review issues sent to the Advisory Council**	<u>Funding Issues</u> -Approval of At-Risk?...none at this time. -Local Option Budget is a superintendent issue. (goes with the child) -Credit hours: student is enrolled but does what? -Unfair comparison of virtual to a public school -Comment: Interested in creating options but not sure virtual is the answer -Is it and educational or a funding issue? -Comment: Neighboring school districts an issue if losing kids from a local school district -Virtual schools have to cover their costs -Virtual schools have been in existence for 11 years -Questions are beginning to surface….. -Advertising/Marketing, Competition, and perception of poor quality initiate some questions -Disconnects happen with shared students. Communication is the largest factor. Recommended notification should go to Counselor and Principal as well as the District Office. (also need KIDS input person to know) -To serve the needs of the kids is the purpose of this Group -Funding Control -Quality Control -On target of what's best for kids and recommend to State Board <u>Concern</u>: There seems to be a heavy representation of Virtual School people on this advisory council. There are remaining positions open so would like to see a better balance of members. <u>Suggestion</u>: Build a public hearing following protocol. Connect virtually using distance learning technology so western Kansas can participate. Perhaps being a part of the curriculum leaders meeting can be a starting point.	
V. What else?	To get to the KSDE website with the Virtual Schools information, go to: Public and Educators on the left hand side of the page and scroll down to Virtual Schools.	

VI. Set up next meetings and locations **A. Please bring your calendars**	A suggestion was made for meetings not to be scheduled on Tuesdays or Thursdays so Wednesdays were picked as the meetings day of choice. It was also suggested to have the meetings quarterly like most other advisory groups. <u>DATES</u>: Dec 17, 2008 – Lindsborg (Bethany College) Feb 25, 2009 – Girard (SEKSESC) Greenbush June 3, 2009 – Sublette (SWPRSC)	

		Next Meeting	
		Date / Time:	***Dec 17, 2008***
		Location:	***Lindsborg (Bethany College)***