Group	**Virtual Schools Advisory Council Minutes**	*Date / Location* ***Virtual Streaming KSDE Board and ITV Room & Virtual ESC's***	***Wed, 6/3/09 9:30 am – 11:15 am***
Facilitator	Mike Mathes	*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		Dr. Elizabeth Ann Sanders, PhD
√	Mike Bodensteiner	√	Dr. Bart Goering		Kim Myers		Robin Surland
	Dr. Gillian Chapman	√	Dr. William Hagerman	√	Jan Neufeld		Kim White
	Dr. Diane DeBacker	√	Sherri Hurn	√	Sherry Reed		Tonya Witherspoon
√	Brenda DeGroot	√	Gary Lewis	√	Colleen Riley		
	Duane Dorshorst	√	~~Kathy Martin~~/David Dennis	√	Cherie Nicholson		

Agenda Items	***Key Points Discussed***	***Action or follow-up***
I. Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Mike Mathes. Roll call was recorded as the Education Service Centers virtual sites connected.	
II. Agenda Review and Housekeeping	It was determined there were no other issues than what was listed on the agenda. Colleen Riley moved to approve the minutes to be posted on the KSDE website. It was seconded by Dr. Bart Goering. Motion passed.	
III. Public Comment	Feedback was minimal regarding public comment. The following reflects some thoughts shared by others with members of the council. • Do not want to close the discussion and still want to explore other options • Purchase classes from service providers • For accountability perhaps the best scenario would be for the student to be part-time online and part-time in a building • Might be a place for the state to become more involved • State supervised and monitoring accountability is critical • Some superintendents had asked if state run instead of individual run would be better…response was that KSDE is not set up to run that way and it is not a viable option…it would create a completely different set of work…structure of KSDE is set up different than the day to day running of school issues…it would be difficult to do. Florida, one of the state run programs is actually closing and turning over the work to the local districts. It presents districts with a unique set of circumstances. • The states have become more involved than just a few years ago • The state should be proactive in addressing issues	

IV. Recommendations from the Virtual Schools Advisory Committee	What about advertising? Comments below led to a motion of recommendation. • KSDE cannot control advertising • Districts need to be aware when Virtual Schools are advertising in their area • Don't see a need to change policy • Who should send notifications to? • Alert every school about virtual school advertising • Notification to all superintendents…perhaps it could go through a listserv at KSDE to save on postage instead of mailing letters Dr. Bart Goering moved to use the KSDE Superintendent listserv to distribute approved Virtual Schools notification and to point to the KSDE Virtual Schools page on the KSDE website where there is a statewide listing of dates and locations. (specific Virtual Schools are responsible for updating their information). Colleen Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed. Additional recommendations: • KSDE staff updates information on website 10-14 days ahead of notification if necessary • Updates to superintendents should happen twice a year A funding question came up about part-time students or students shared by districts… • Figured by how much time in one setting or the other and prorate the weighting • For bricks and mortar students additional weightings go with the student • For virtual students there are no other weightings • Split funding for weighting needs to be addressed • Virtual students are following 1.0 recommendation • Bricks and mortar home district take weighting and buy classes…assuming student lets district know of enrollment • Council does not have expertise to deal with financial side • At this point, process works • It takes the parent out of the equation • Doesn't change anything already doing The Commissioner has requested the council to stay intact and meet as needed and when needed. Issues may arise in the area of virtual schools. Meeting in the fall and spring may be enough. A question was asked about the composition of the council…consensus was to add a couple more superintendents and another building administrator.	
V. Other Issues?	What are the meeting needs of the Virtual Schools Advisory Council is at this point? Brenda DeGroot moved that the adhoc council would meet on an as needed basis. The motion was seconded by Cheri Nicholson. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned.	

		Next Meeting	
		Date / Time:	***As determined necessary***
		Location:	***TBD***