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Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

SEAC meeting
MINUTES

July 25th, 2012

Wichita Airport Doubletree
Wichita, KS

SEAC Members Present:

Luanne Barron
Terry Fehrenbach
Lesli Girard
Deborah Howser
Penny Lawson
Larry Katzif
Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostermeyer
Karen Kroh
Shawn Mackay
Dr. Ann Matthews
Dr. Joan Robbins
Vicki Sharp
Bryan Wilson
Deb Young

SEAC Members Absent

Mike Martin
Diane Plunkett
Matthew Ramsey
Anne Roberts
SueAnn Wanklyn

KSDE Staff present

Dean Zajic
Colleen Riley
Jana Bradfield
Mark Ward

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome	Chairperson Penny Lawson called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.
Roll Call	Dean Zajic called roll. Eleven voting members were present for roll call, and a quorum was declared.
Approval of April 18th, 2012 Minutes	Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER moved to approve April 18th minutes. Second by Vicki Sharp with fix to Lee Stickles name. Motion passed on a voice vote.
Approval of Agenda	Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER moved to accept agenda. Seconded by Ann Matthews with removal of June 19th minutes. Motion

passed on a voice vote.

Orienation

Wayne Ball presented member orientation.

- One new thing at the federal level is increased fiscal accountability and monitoring
- Kansas is still awaiting SPP/APR determination.
- There needs to be a link between ICC and SEAC.
- Council advises the state on measuring progress of children with exceptionalities.
- Council advises state in developing and implementing coordination of services for children between agencies.

Break

At 2:30pm members recessed for a fifteen minute break, and reconvened at 2:48 pm.

Providing Advice and Input About Services and Child Find for Children with Sensory Impairments

Colleen Riley introduced Commissioner Diane DeBacker and Superintendent Madeleine Burkindine to speak on the Kansas Schools of the Deaf and the Blind.

Commissioner Diane Debacker spoke about the role of the Kansas State Board of Education in regard to the Kansas State School for the Deaf and School for the Blind. Madeleine Burkindine spoke about KSSB/KSSD outreach services, and identification of children that require services.

- Commissioner DeBacker will report feedback from SICC and SEAC back to the KSBE.
- Superintendent Burkindine noted that sometimes children are overlooked because they conceal their sensory loss.
- Superintendent Burkindine stated that a child needs to be exposed to a language by six months of age or the brain will develop differently
- Commissioner DeBacker asked SEAC members, how do they identify children in their community?
    - Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER stated that at her school in the past, they have partnered with Omaha, and is working with KU to train a teacher to work with students that are deaf.
        - They have their own audiologist in their school, who does both Part B and Part C and offers community screening.
        - There is still concern that while most hospitals have services to screen at birth, some hospitals are too small to require the screening, and some

children may be missed.

        - There is some concern regarding properly identifying students that have immigrated and that are both not native English speakers, and may also have sensory impairment.

    - Superintendent Burkindine suggested utilizing telecommunications to screen and assist children in partnership with Lincoln, etc.
    - It was noted that one problem is one of recruitment of qualified interpreters and training across states.
    - Dr. Ann Matthews noted that her district had gone almost 8 or more years with no need for interpretative services, and so none was sought, but now there is a need at her school as she is scrambling to fill this gap. But she noted that she falls back on resources and contacts at KSDE to identify and locate resources.
    - Colleen noted that an important thing to realize is that families are not ready to pack up and move, and that it is important that the services are offered locally.
    - Colleen Riley asked Superintendent Burkindine to consider what resources would they like to share with local staff to help with early identification, and supplying resources/training via teleconference.
    - Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER noted that while frequently done more, audio and visual screening does not have to be done every year.
    - Dr. Matthews noted that it is standard practice for students to be screened for sensory proficiency before proceeding with IEP process.
    - Superintendent Burkindine suggested contacting Can Love Kids – Funded by grants from the Lyons Club. In 10 cities across the state. There is a $50 charge, but they will screen children, and help identify equipment that could be used to assist them.
    - Is there a way distribute timely advances changes in identifying children with sensory needs?
    - Superintendent Burkindine drew a distinction between a child with delayed development versus a child that exhibits similar attributes at the result of missing out on language or contents because of a sensory need

- Commissioner DeBacker will share this information with the Kansas State Board of Education and will share that information to SEAC.

State Personnel Kerry Haag gave an overview of the SPDG. The draft abstract of the

Development Grant

SPDG proposal is included with SEAC members' handouts.

There was a motion by Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER to support SPDG and that Kerry Haag should back with additional details. Bryan seconded. Motion withdrawn by Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER.

Dr. Ann Matthews moved to have the executive committee draft and submit a letter of support for SPDG once Kerry provides a request for proposal, unless the executive committee feels it requires additional discussion.

Motion was Second by Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER and passed by voice vote.

Appointment of Members to the Executive Board

Chairperson Lawson asked for nominations.

Bryan Wilson was nominated and it was moved by Penny Laswon to appoint Bryan Wilson to the Executive Board and Seconded by Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER. The motion passed on voice vote.

Review and Approve Updated to SEAC By-Laws

Dean Zajic gave an overview of the recommended changes to the SEAC by-laws to bring them in in-line with changes to Federal and State laws.

Moved to accept By-law changes as amended. Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Kathy KERSENBROCK-OSTMEYER moved to ask the current Commissioner of Education to draft a new letter of support. Motion seconded by Terry Fehrenbach. Motion passed by voice vote.

KSDE Update

Colleen Riley gave a KSDE update, and highlighted subjects that would be covered in future SEAC meetings, including:

- ESEA Waiver implementation
- Kansas Accreditation and moving away from QPA
- Kansas Common Core Standards Kansas MTSS
- Kansas Learning Network
- TASN
- Legislative issues
- Collaboration with SICC

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

SEAC Members Reports

Leslis Girard handed out data sheet, and reviewed the information with the council.

Adjourn

Larry Katzif moved to adjourn

Bryan Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed on voice vote, and the SEAC adjourned at 4:37pm.