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MINUTES
Kansas Special Education Advisory Council
July 28 '04
KSDE Satellite meeting room
Website www.kansped.org

Attendees:

Shirley Armentrout
Doug Bowman
Matthew Cook
Krista Cowger
Bob Goodwin
Neil Guthrie
Briant Lewis
Bob Maile
Barb McGrath
Bert Moore
Patricia Schremmer
Tom Skrtic
Sue Stacey
Danny Thornton
ZoAnn Torrey
Josie Torrez
ZoAnn Torrey
Karen Untereker

Absentees:

Ken Hund
Janice Suddath

Visitors:
Jeannie Kleinhammer-Tramill, KU

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Introductions	Shirley Armentrout, chair, opened the meeting with introductions of new members and thank you gifts to Zo, Deb & Danny.
Approval of agenda	On Bert Moore's motion and Dan Thornton's second, the agenda was approved as written.
Approval of April '04 minutes	On Bert Moore's motion and Matt Cook's second, the April '04 minutes were approved with one addition to the Executive Committee members.
State Improvement Grant • **Summary of activities** • **SIG award**	Kerry Ottlinger and Jeannie Kleinhammer-Tramill provided background on the 6th year no-cost extension for the SIG grant, which was ranked 6th in national competition. All grant activities are interwoven throughout the state for sustainability and large impact on the system.
Update on KU's Building-level Administration of Special Education Services project (BASES)	Tom Skrtic provided information on the BASES project that recruits and certifies teachers for Special Education leadership positions. Students are paid a stipend to participate, and any certified teacher is eligible to apply.
Updates from SSS	• The General Supervision Enhancement Grant abstract was reviewed and discussed by members. The grant is designed to develop part of the student database and warehouse. • Draft 9 of the Technical-Education Special Needs Certificate requirements was distributed to members. KSDE's Teacher Education & Licensure, Technical Education, and Student Support Services have all agreed to the content, with the document to go before the State Board of Education.

- The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) memorandum of Understanding with KSDE for 2004-05 has been approved with no additional changes this year.
- Categorical aid report for 2003-04 was discussed. Members agreed that a study is needed on how transportation costs affect special education costs.

Committee Reports

Bert led discussion concerning a SEAC display at the KS CEC Conference in Manhattan on October 14-15 '04. Zo and Deb will make arrangements for a display table.

Legislative Issues

- Zo announced that no action is expected during the remainder of this legislative session on IDEA reauthorization. This will provide the opportunity for SEAC to decide on taking a position to the SBOE.
- Zo announced that the Legislative Interim Committee will meet in August '04. Members will be updated.
- Members were provided a listing of last year's Rank Order data, which will be used for focused monitoring.

2003-04 SEAC Annual Report

This report will be presented to the SBOE at it's September meeting. Members will be provided a copy at the SEAC September 14 '04 meeting.

Secondary Transition

Wendy Blaauw shared upcoming activities in this area. Members were given copies of the assurances that districts are being asked to sign to access IDEA VI-B dollars. The Sept. 1 & 2 review of transition IEPs was also discussed.

MOU with SRS/RS regarding the coordinated delivery of Transition Services

Wendy Blaauw shared that there has been no additional action on this MOU. KSDE's suggested changes are with SRS/RS.

Public Comment

None received

Next scheduled meeting: September 14 '04 – KSDE's 2nd floor conference room – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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√	Armentrout, Shirley		Lewis, Briant		Suddath, Janice
√	Bowman, Doug	√	Maile, Bob	√	Sumner, Pam
√	Cook, Matthew	√	McGrath, Barb		Thornton, Dan
√	Cowger, Krista	√	Moore, Bert	√	Torrez, Josie
√	Guthrie, Neil	√	Schremmer, Pat	√	Torrey, ZoAnn
	Hund, Ken	√	Skrtic, Tom	√	Unterker, Karen

Visitors:
Wendy Blaauw, KSDE SSS
Jeannie Kleinhammer-Tramill, KU
Kerry Ottlinger, KSDE SSS
Kerrie Bacon, KCDC

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Introductions	Shirley Armentrout, chair, announced that Briant has resigned from the Council due to new job commitments. Zo and Shirley met the previous evening (Monday 9/13/04) with new members Briant, Krista, Neil and Pam at Topeka's China Inn for a dinner/new member orientation meeting.
Approval of agenda	On Matt's motion and Pat's second, the agenda was approved as written.
Approval of July '04 minutes	On Josie's motion and Karen's second, the July '04 minutes were approved with corrections to member attendance.
Finish State Improvement Grant (SIG) report from July meeting	Kerry, Jeannie and Wendy provided handouts and an overview of the SIG goals and outcomes.
Overview of new SIG goals & activities	Kerry provided handouts and an overview explaining that focus will be to target student support on proficiency of state assessments, and to promote high expectation for Early Childhood service providers. The grant will additionally provide an improvement analyst position at KSDE. SEAC will serve as the grant advisory committee. The grant was ranked #2 nationwide.

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Update on Secondary Transition Compliance and Annual Performance Report (APR)	Zo distributed a letter from KSDE to USDOE OSEP outlining demonstration of compliance with secondary transition requirements which were identified in OSEP's review of the KSDE Annual Performance Report. Also provided was an overview of KSDE's 2004-05 focus on secondary transition.
Introduction of SEAC members to SBOE (board room)	Members were introduced to State Board members during the SBOE meeting and answered questions from the board.
Public Comment	None received
BASES project update	Tom detailed a new doctoral training program of District-Level Special Education Leadership (DSEL) through a collaborative effort at KU which will increase the quantity and quality of district-level leadership personnel for services to students with disabilities.
Council Member Reports	• Doug reported on activities of the Children's Cabinet, connected to Early Childhood initiatives, and the Smart Start Project which is funded through state tobacco funds and designed to enhance the quality of learning opportunities to special needs children in communities across Kansas. • Neil updated members on the upcoming Legislative Planning Committee hearings and KAPS expected testimony and proposals in regard to Kansas Special Education and special needs children. • Josie shared information on reauthorization of IDEA. She encouraged members to update their voting registrations by making registration forms available.
2004-05 SEAC Action Plan	Members drafted the priority areas of focus for new Action Plan. Zo and Deb Burns will incorporate these in document form and present for Committee approval at the November 9th meeting.
Updates from SSS	• Zo announced that the new edition of the licensure regulations is expected to go before the October '04 SBOE for approval. • Kerry updated members on exiting and incoming KSDE SSS staff, and led discussion on the end of the 5-year cycle for KSTARS projects and how to implement/mesh those projects into KSDE priorities in the future.
Legislative Education Planning Committee update	Hearings are scheduled for September 20th with Special Education to be among topics discussed.
District Designations for District Assistance	Zo shared with members a document outlining KSDE's District Support Team (DST) purpose and expectations. The DST will work directly with Kansas school districts in their improvement efforts for improved student performance.

KSDE Learning Service Division (LSD) Redesign	Zo explained to members the evolution of the LSD redesign and distributed a document identifying projects and the individuals assigned to them.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: November 9 '04 – KSDE's 2nd floor conference room – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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x	Armentrout, Shirley		Maile, Bob	x	Sumner, Pam
x	Bowman, Doug	x	McGrath, Barb	x	Thornton, Dan
	Cook, Matthew		Moore, Bert	x	Torrez, Josie
	Cowger, Krista		Schremmer, Pat	x	Torrey, ZoAnn
x	Guthrie, Neil	x	Skrtic, Tom	x	Unterker, Karen
	Hund, Ken	x	Suddath, Janice		

Visitors:
Jane Groff, KSDE SSS
Sue Stacy, McPherson Cty SpEd Coop
Carol Dermyer, KSDE SSS
Kerry Ottlinger, KSDE SSS
Jeanette Houston, KSDE SSS
Jim Redmen, KS Children's Cabinet

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Introductions	Shirley Armentrout, chair, opened the meeting.
Approval of agenda	On Tom's motion and Dan's second, the agenda was approved as written.
Approval of September '04 minutes	On Karen's motion and Pam's second, the September '04 minutes were approved.
AYP information	ZoAnn reported that 93% of Kansas schools made the AYP targets last year; this was reported in an October 12, 2004 press release distributed to Board members. ZoAnn provided graphs for two year math proficiencies comparisons of Grades 4, 7 and 10.
Integrated review	ZoAnn distributed the "District Integrated Self-Assessment" handout. This system will bring data together outlining various sources of information for monitoring compliance, school improvement, etc.
Secondary Transition Model Project	Sue Stacy provided a copy of a web based IEP and highlighted several sections with Board members.
Smart Start Project	Jim Redman reviewed the Smart Start Kansas Grants that were awarded in 2004.
OSEP'S response to ARP	OSEP's letter of the 2002 Annual Performance was reviewed. ZoAnn highlighted the Continuous improvement Monitoring process and the response from school district to the corrective actions required.

Public Comment	A copy of the policy paper concerning accountability and reform of special education by various disability organizations was provided Board members. The proposed recommendations will be submitted to the 2005 Legislature.
Council Member Reports	Tom shared information on summer openings in Washington, D.C. Information disseminated to special education chairs of colleges and student centers. Tom also reported on the Principal Project with 14 accepted for this program.
Student Support update	ZoAnn reviewed correspondence sent to the Special Education Directors on the changes in Continuous Improvement Monitoring with an attachment that clarified the follow-up file review and self-assessment indicators completions. Carol introduced Jeanette Houston, a new Program Consultant in Student Support. Jane Groff, another new consultant, attended the meeting.
SEAC – Grants Advisory Committee	Kerry provided handout outlining SEAC's State Improvement Grant acitivities. Kerry requested the Board be involved for current three year grant, proposing a standing agenda item for all grants where we are stakeholders. On Barb's motion and Doug second, the SEAC Board will continue as advisory committee.
Adoption of 2004-05 SEAC Action Plan	The draft copy of the SEAC 2004-2005 Action Plan was revised to include : **4.I.1 – Priority Area to be bolded** On Doug's motion with the edits recommended that the Action Plan be accepted; Tom seconded. Board approved unanimously.
IDEA Reauthorization	ZoAnn reported the House revision was expected in January '05.
Assistive Technology Summary	ZoAnn provided a handout, "Improving Access to Assistive Technology" which amends the ATA of 1998.
New Board Member	There was discussion on a replacement for Briant. Board members want this to be a parent from the Region 10 Wichita area.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

<u>Next scheduled meeting:</u> January 12 '05 – KSDE's 2nd floor conference room – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
January 13 '05 – Breakfast with Board of Education – 7:30 am – 2nd floor Conference Room

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January 11 – 12 '05
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Attendees:

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x	Bowman, Doug		McGrath, Barb	x	Thornton, Dan
	Cook, Matthew	x	Moore, Bert	x	Torrez, Josie
	Cowger, Krista		Schremmer, Pat	x	Torrey, ZoAnn
	Guthrie, Neil		Skrtic, Tom	x	Untereker, Karen
x	Hund, Ken	x	Suddath, Janice		

Visitors:
Jane Groff, KSDE Education Consultant
Carol Dermyer, KSDE SSS Assistant Director
Kerry Ottlinger, KSDE SSS Assistant Director
Corrie Edwards, Keys for Networking
Mercedes Arizpe, Keys for Networking
Sue King, KSDE Education Consultant
Kerri Bacon, KS Comm. on Disability Concerns
Rod Bieker, KSDE Legal Services
Lesli Girard, Families Together
Dr. Gloria Dye, Washburn University
Dr. Michael Rettig, Washburn University

January 11 '05 (Tuesday)

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Introductions	Shirley Armentrout, chair, opened the meeting.
Approval of agenda & Approval of November '04 minutes	Agenda discussed. Due to lack of quorum, approval of November '04 minutes was delayed until the February '05 meeting.
Families Together • **Family call breakdown** • **2004 issues**	Lesli Girard, Coordinator of the Topeka Center of Families Together (FT), provided an overview of FT services, which includes coordination of Education Advocate services to 838 children statewide. Lesli identified the purpose & content of parent call contacts for over 1,600 calls during the 2003-04 year. A breakdown of red & green flags from the 2004 call information was provided.
Keys for Networking	Corrie Edwards, Coordinator of Keys for Networking, provided an overview of the program, identifying some of their programs: Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-school (HIPPI) that targets the age range 3-5 yrs; Parent Assistance Program targeting non-English speaking parents; Esperanza Outreach Program - a grant that works w/all areas of disability, for all ages, in non-English speaking families. Some problems Keys identified different from Families Together: letters still written in English to parents who need Spanish communication; Keys being used as translators in IEP meetings and other situations; Parental rights documents only available in English; suspension happens due to behavior issues and information being given to parents written in English only.

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Keys for Networking (cont.)	Keys would like to see more collaboration between the schools & mental health issues. Keys had 1,981 parent contacts in 2004. Top 10 reasons for calls: school issues around IEPs such as how to get services from the school, child not doing homework, how to reconvene their IEP team, school not following IEP, how to qualify for SpEd services, failing classes, behavior problems (school withholding something from the child, child won't go to school or leaves early or arrives late @ school, continued suspension, bullying), no school plans for students returning after hospitalization, schools dismissing a student for not passing classes.
Overview of IDEA 2004	Rod Bieker provided an overview of a proposed bill, that will go to this session's Kansas legislature, designed to keep Kansas in compliance with IDEA 2004. The Kansas bill mirrors changes in IDEA 2004 except for the definition of parent. If there are any conflicts between the existing State law, Kansas will follow the Federal law. The highly qualified education portion of IDEA is effective now. The remainder of the changes will be effective July 1, 2005. Federal regulations are expected within 6 months.
Waivers available	Carol Dermyer led discussion of Federal waivers available for paperwork reduction which would allow States the opportunity for long-term planning by offering the option of developing comprehensive multi-year IEPs. Kerry Bacon reviewed a pre-filed bill on Categorical Aid offered by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (LEPC). This bill would put into law how excess cost is figured and adds a cap of 88% of excess costs. $27 million in additional funds could be available if fully funded (not required). Some members feel the cap is worrisome.
Public Comment	None received
Plan for tomorrow's SBOE presentation	Council members brainstormed issues to be brought to the attention of the SBOE breakfast tomorrow.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

January 12 '05 (Wednesday)

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Host breakfast presentation with State Board (SBOE) members	Council members remarked that the forum used today worked. Each Council member shared perspectives of needs/interests especially relevant to IDEA 2004. Members expressed the desire for an opportunity to meet w/the SBOE again to review the upcoming IDEA regs.
State Improvement Grant (SIG) update	Kerry Ottlinger provided an historical overview of State Improvement Grant (SIG) awards and activities. The new SIG award began Sept. 1 '04. Accomplishments of the past 4-5 months include finishing previous SIG initiatives, shifting focus to the new SIG by identifying a group of districts to utilize the improvement model used by KSDE for statewide technical assistance to address students' proficiency on state assessments, especially student with disabilities. DSTs have contacted the six districts; reps. from the districts were brought together to discuss their role as SIG districts, which are volunteer districts, and what they'll need to do as a subgrantor. Districts will begin with a planning grant of $8,500 to develop a comprehensive plan, later applying for a larger amount. Two of the districts have declined the offer.
Washburn University report on their ECHO activities	Dr. Gloria Dye & Dr. Michael Rettig provided an overview of Washburn's Early Childhood Higher Education Options Consortium (ECHO) grant activities, which they feel is a good tool to help teachers begin a program not otherwise affordable to some. Teacher candidates (which also include paras and substitute teachers) join the project with a promise to teach special education for a minimum of 2 years, although most commit to additional years. Candidates becoming teachers have been rated very high by the districts involved. Washburn continues to address a need that graduates have identified for more training in the area of assistive technology. WU communicates with area SpEd directors, meeting once a year and frequent e-mails, as well as increased communication with the university's educational administration faculty. WU has developed a comprehensive license that replaces previous graduate level EC SpEd license - 150 hrs. (vs. previous 124 hrs.), which requires coordination among faculty. Students receive an elementary methods block, plus an infant-toddler practicum. Their database shows 1/6th of undergraduate admissions are involved with this program. WU provided a one-time Autism course for area teachers. WU has used the grant to add materials to their resource center.

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Improvement Process	Sue King provided background around the activities and training for KSDE District Support Team members (DST). DST visits to districts, identified as needing improvement, include gathering data to get a sense of who/what the district is about, after which a meeting is held with the district to answer a set of questions directed at identifying problem areas. Afterwards, the DST members come together to discuss the intensity of support to be provided and to help the district develop a plan. The districts then develop plans and DSTs provide support and monitoring throughout the year. This is the process that will be used with the State Improvement Grant (SIG) districts also. Urban districts have expressed the need for a way to communicate and share problems/solutions. The Urban Roundtable will convene this spring to assist the districts in beginning their discussions. Finally, after state assessment data comes out, DSTs will meet with their districts to discuss the direction the district would like to go and to celebrate successes. DSTs will assist with the integrated review once it is integrated. DSTs have experienced some resistance by a few districts, but have learned that it's all about building relationships and trust, while helping to create a collaborative effort with the district.
Integrated Review	Jeannette Nobo provided a handout of the draft Integrated Review self-assessment (IR), saying there have been no changes from last time this was distributed other than new formatting – a lot of works needs to be done. State Improvement Grant (SIG) districts will utilize this IR later this semester. Jeannette has been working w/DST members making them aware what's happening w/the IR. By the 05-06 year, a compliance & monitoring piece will be added to this document. Meetings are set to look at early childhood and special education pieces which are needed before this goes to the SIG districts. Another piece needing attention is Parental Involvement – a workgroup has been established to strengthen these pieces in the document. This document will be made available on-line, and it is hoped that districts to be able to utilize one plan once all their data (Improvement, Focused Monitoring, etc.) are available. Also, it is hoped that the same procedure is made available on-line by the 2005-06 school year for districts to build the same type document for the building level.

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State Department Update	Zo invited members to register for this year's KSDE Annual Law Conference being held March 9th at Topeka's Holiday Inn. The Vocational Education Special Needs Certificate for teachers went before the State Board this month. This certificate now includes requirements for technical education, meaning anyone teaching with a technical education special needs certificate can teach technical education or technical education special needs (same as General Ed. and Special Ed. licensure). The special ed. content is in addition to the technical ed. requirements. Public hearings will be scheduled. Kansas Modified Assessment: a version of this assessment will be developed to meet Federal compliance requirements of No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The current modified assessment does not meet the requirements to be considered with the general assessment. Members were provided a handout of the State Board of Education's version of the Governor's proposed budget. No additional Special Education funding is being proposed and excess cost will drop down to around 87%. A draft of the new Speech/Language guideline has been sent out for field review. SEAC members may request a draft copy from Deb Burns. A spring completion date is expected.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

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x	Bowman, Doug	x	McGrath, Barb	x	Thornton, Dan
	Cook, Matthew	x	Moore, Bert	x	Torrez, Josie
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Visitors:
Jane Groff, KSDE Education Consultant
Carol Dermyer, KSDE SSS Assistant Director
Kerry Ottlinger, KSDE SSS Assistant Director

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Introductions	Shirley Armentrout, chair, opened the meeting.
Approval of agenda & Approval of January '05 minutes	Agenda discussed. On Krista's motion and Doug's second, the November '04 minutes were approved as written; on Karen's motion and Bert's second, the January '05 minutes were approved as written.
Annual Performance Review (APR) work session	Members received copies of the 2004 APR and were divided into work groups and asked to review the document for compliance by KSDE. A volunteer member will review the next completed document, on behalf of SEAC, prior to submission to OSEP.
Public Comment	None received
Council Member Reports	Bob presented a packet of materials outlining the services of the Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD). A goal of KSD is to present these materials to each of the KASEA regions, as well as to the upcoming Kansas CEC Conference. Krista shared information about a Mental Health Best Practice Committee which is part of a contract with KU. Stakeholders are looking at common best practices for services to children. When asked about Early Childhood practices, Krista indicated that Dr. Rick Gaskill, SRS, works with Early Childhood issues and would be available to SEAC for a future presentation. Doug updated members on current activities by the Kansas Legislature around education funding. Doug noted that the best place to get a good description of bills is at the KSDE site at www.ksde.org .

Shirley expressed concern that that there may be many school-aged students not accounted for, not being educated, with Kansas' high number of school-aged students being home-schooled, and the number of funding dollars KS could be losing because of home-schooled students . She calculates that using last years student count data reveals 8% of the total student population is being home schooled. At present, Kansas law does not allow accountability for home schools. Parents only need register as a home-school one time, not annually and the names and numbers of those students are not collected. Truancy issues are another concern. The current legal statue says that truancy issues must be brought up by a county attorney. SRS is only responsible for the safety of the child. SRS EC caseworkers cannot move forward w/any special needs services if a parent refuses. Public schools are responsible to get information out to private schools for child find.

BASES update

Tom reported the program now has 21 students who will eventually receive their Building Administrator Masters Degree & License, and 18 hour graduate certificate, good in Kansas and Missouri. It is hoped that an option will be added for a Special Education law course. 12 of the 18 credits are required courses, with the other 6 being elective (8-9 courses to choose from). The 1st group is half way thru the program and the 2nd group is new students this semester. The superintendent program will begin Spring '06, funding 10 students for 4 years.

State Improvement Grant (SIG)update

Jane Groff & Kerry Ottlinger provided members with an overview of services and programs that are available to identified SIG districts who volunteered to work to improve results for students, with an emphasis on students with disabilities. Resources from entities such as KSTARS projects, Juniper Gardens, the National PBS project, PTA, and KSDE's DST staff make up a group of approximately 30 people who are able to provide a system of support for schools on improvement and SIG districts.

K-STARS Requests for Proposals update

Kerry talked about plans to reorganize the work of the K-STARS projects for the next 5 year grant cycle, in order to enhance student improvement efforts statewide and align efforts identified in the No Child Left Behind legislation. The past 10 years of work by the projects have laid the groundwork for enhanced training capabilities, assisting with district capacity building, with results-driven outcomes. Projects will develop ways to work together in cross-training initiatives. This next K-STARS project application will be for 5 years.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

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Visitors:
Jane Groff, KSDE Education Consultant
Carol Dermyer, KSDE SSS Assistant Director
Kerry Ottlinger, KSDE SSS Assistant Director
Mark Ward, KSDE SSS Education Consultant
Linda Geiger, KSDE SFP Education Consultant

Agenda Items	Action Taken
Introductions	Shirley Armentrout, chair, opened the meeting.
Approval of agenda & Approval of January '05 minutes	The agenda was approved on Pat's motion and Dan's second. The February '05 minutes were approved with changes.
Annual Performance Review (APR) to OSEP: review of questions & key issues for Executive Summary	Members reviewed the Annual Performance Report (APR) document utilizing the quick view guide to reading the document, and shared their concerns and ideas for future improvement planning. Members voiced concern that building-level data requirements need to be imbedded in reporting in order to alter behavior. Members agreed that the report reflects consistency in data reporting. Members voiced concern of where and when multi-racial groups will be identified. To date, OSEP is not allowing that identification. Members feel this should be reported to the advantage of the student.
State Performance Plan: planning	Carol Dermyer led the discussion of this new plan, which will be written for 6 years. The question asked of the committee was how does KSDE want to drive this process – what are the big issues? Members suggest assembling a group of stakeholders to review the data contained in the APR and help to develop a plan.

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Support & Monitoring process	Carol Dermyer provided a handout explaining the Kansas monitoring process (as dictated by law) for the new integrated review. Monitoring will include looking at data from QPA, AYP as well as CIM. Districts on improvement will be only be required to have one improvement plan for any and all areas targeted for improvement.
Dropout Prevention	(need Zo's words – also add this to 04-05 Action Plan so it can also be uploaded to the 04-05 Annual Report)
Public Comment	None received
Council Member Reports	Zo & Shirley attended the OSEP Leadership Conference in Washington, DC on March 29-31 '05, and stated it was the best conference to date in addressing the issues in specific detail. A draft set of new IDEA regulations are due out in May '05. Shirley shared information from the "White Papers" handout, which can be viewed at www.ed.gov/about/ffices/list/offics Members who attended the Special Education Law Conference on March 9 ' 05 related their impressions. Kerry shared information concerning responsibilities of the KSDE integrated workgroups, which include Effective Practices workgroup and the Compliance/Monitoring workgroup. KSTARS project applications are being received and will be reviewed later this month. Continuous Improvement applications have been distributed to the field. Zo related that KSDE Student Support Services is in the process of interviewing for three open consultant positions on the team. The contract with Infinitec is on it's way to approval. Twenty-three districts have expressed interest in working with Infinitec on the pilot pilot project for development of an assistive technology infrastructure in Kansas. Zo provided information on how scores are utilized from Modified and Alternate Assessments. Zo announced that Rod Bieker is drafting a restraint, seclusion policy/guideline. A survey will be sent to parents and teachers seeking information regarding the use of seclusionary "time-out" rooms or areas, either for disciplinary purposes or as a behavior intervention strategy.

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Legislative Issues	Kansas House Bill 2331 passed. Changes were made since SEAC last reviewed at the February meeting. The bill no longer mirrors the Federal bill. The Transition section changed to include measurable post-secondary goals. Senate Bill 169 went nowhere (Florida Voucher Bill). School Funding: no new taxes, some new money, pulling down reserves, allowing local option budgeting. The Governor did not sign the bill, letting it become law. The Supreme Court reconvenes April 27th and may or may not issue any further decision. Members discussed the possibility of SEAC developing a position statement on the new regulations around the 25% substantial change in placement. Highly qualified: As stated in IDEA 2004, to be highly qualified, teachers must be fully licensed in special education or pass State special education licensure exams, hold a bachelors degree and demonstrate subject knowledge in the core content areas in which they are providing primary instruction. Waivers: no new word. Proposal request will come out after the new regulations are received.
Complaint Procedures Update	Mark Ward provided a summary of complaints received since his last presentation in the spring of 2004.
McKinney-Vento Education Homeless Assistance Act	Linda Geiger provided an electronic overview of the Act, which was reauthorized in 2001, and is referenced numerous times in the new IDEA. Each school district within the state identifies a homeless liaison to oversee services to homeless youth. The Act states that students have the right: to attend school of origin; immediate enrollment even if records are lacking; resolution of disputes; school selection; LEA liaisons; transportation. Information available on the website www.ksde.org/sfp/homeless/contentpg.
Election of 2005-06 SEAC officers	Election of officers: Chair – Bert Moore, nominated by Josie, second by Ken, approved by vote Vice-Chair - Bob Maile, nominated by Tom, second by Josie, approved by vote. Executive Committee - Josie, Shirley, Karen, Bert, Bob, approved by vote.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Next scheduled meeting: July 27, 2005 @ Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel 4:00 – 8:00 pm