Group:	**Charter and Virtual Education Advisory Council**	*Date / Time* *Location (Zoom)*	*Wednesday 06/02/2021* *1:30-3:00 pm*
Facilitators: *Recorder:*	Gary Lewis Brooke Blanck Jody Siebenmorgen David Fernkopf (KSDE) Michelle Irvine		*CR 117 at KSDE or Zoom*

KSDE Mission	To prepare Kansas students for lifelong success through rigorous, quality academic instruction, career training, and character development according to each student's gifts and talents.
KSDE Goals	1. Provide a flexible and efficient delivery system to meet our students varied and changing needs 2. Provide an effective educator in every classroom 3. Ensure effective, visionary leaders in every school 4. Promote and encourage best practices for early childhood programs 5. Develop active communication and partnerships with families, communities, business stakeholders, constituents, and policy partners

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

X	Blanck, Brooke (MS Admin Rep) (USD 383)		Giesen, Dr. Andi (High School Charter) (USD 259)		Joani Purdy (Service Center Rep)	X	Siebenmorgen, Jody (Virtual Program Rep) (USD 258)
A B	Boothe, Dr. Ben (HS Admin Rep) (USD 231)	X	Dr. David Fernkopf (KSDE)	X	Miller, Leigh (Virtual School Rep) (USD 259)		OPEN (Higher Ed Rep)
	OPEN (MS Staff Rep)		OPEN (School Board Rep)		OPEN (Early Childhood)	X	Westfall, Monte (Charter Virtual Rep) (USD 497)
	OPEN (Elementary Charter Rep)		OPEN (Business Rep)	X	Young, Amanda (Elementary Admin) (USD 259)		OPEN (Parent Rep)
	Clark, Tammy (High School Staff) (USD 331)		OPEN (Special Ed Rep)				Ziegler, Christy (Traditional School Rep) (USD 512)
	OPEN (Technology Rep)	X	Lewis, Gary (Superintendent Rep)		OPEN (Youth Rep)		Dombrosky, Michelle KSBOE, District 3

Agenda Items	*Key Points Discussed*	*Action or Follow-up*
I. Welcome	Chairman, Gary Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.	Gary has recorded the meeting and the link to that recording is HERE. Contact Gary or Michelle for the passcode.
II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes	The minutes from June 2020 were not presented for approval. Link to review those minutes HERE.	Monte moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brooke seconded. Motion passed.
III. Introductions	Gary introduced Michelle Irvine (David's assistant) as the new recorder. She is the permanent replacement for Juanita Anderson permanently.	
IV. Open Positions	There are still quite a few vacancies in the council that need filled.	Send your references for new council members to David Fernkopf

V. Old Business	Monitoring Visit Update and School Compliance	Sill working on this. Gary will have more information at next meeting.
VI. New Business	• **New Schools** DF reports overall about 10 new virtual schools for 21-22. He wants to remind everyone of the requirement for all virtual programs to transition to a school before August 1. • **Virtual Mentor Plan:** Gary explained the importance of having established virtual directors' mentor new directors. David agrees that the common goal is to educate Kansas children and what best suits the needs of the child. Pairing new directors with a mentor who shares same demographic needs (learning program, attendance, etc.) could increase the plan's success. While Advisory Council Leadership wants everyone in the council to mentor, it is not mandatory. • **Virtual Count Days:** Reminder that there are 2 count dates for virtual schools. *Q: Why are there 2 count dates?* *A: For accountability. Legislature wants to make sure schools aren't counting the same student as virtual on the first count date and again as a brick/mortar student a week later.* • **SPED Guidance:** Complaints and concerns increased this school year, specifically about kids in special education being denied for virtual school. The language from the current screening process can put schools at higher risk of being sued so the guidance is being re-written. There is going to be a live webinar this summer and SPED and Virtual directors are **highly encouraged** to attend. We need their feedback to make the guidance as accurate as possible. • **Districts Offering virtual learning at a reduced rate (not service centers):** Be very careful about finding ways to 'save money'. If Legislature sees that allotted funds are not being spend down, they can reduce the budget for virtual funding. • **Virtual Learning Conference:** KSDE and KLN are partnering with Greenbush to hold a virtual conference in Feb 2022. It will be held in person (registration cap) and online. Dates and more information coming soon.	Contact Sara Barnes at KSDE for more information on obtaining a building number for your virtual school. Contact Gary about any concerns/questions you may have about being a mentor. The new manual from KSDE has not been uploaded yet. When available, David will send webinar info and a copy of the proposed guidance for the field to review. We need presenters! If you're interested, please let David know.
VII. Data		None
VIII. Webinars		None

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IX.	**Legislative Updates**		
X.	**21-22 Meeting Dates**	September 29 December 2021: TBD March 2022: TBD June (Or May 2022): TBD September 2022: TBD December 2022: TBD	Contact Michelle Irvine if you want to come in person so your parking can be validated.
XI.	**Other Discussion/Ideas from the Council**	The statue regarding count days is posted on KSDE's website.	https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/CSAS-Home/Graduation-and-Schools-of-Choice/Virtual-Schools-and-Programs/Families-and-Students

		Next Meeting - September 29, 2021	
		Date / Time:	***1:30pm***
		Location:	***Conference Room 117 or Zoom***