

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

(SEAC)



September 20, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:27 am by SEAC Chair Marvin Miller

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Amy Dejmal
Diane Plunkett
Robb Scott

Deb Young
Joan Robbins
Joan Macy

Doug Anderson
Judy Martin
Kathy Kersenbrock-
Ostmeyer
Maureen Huppe

Leia Holley (Lesli Girard)
Sarah Schaffer

Marvin Miller
Tina Gibson

Members Absent:

Deb Howser
Matt Ramsey
Stacie Clarkson

Marcy Aycock
Mike Martin

Jason Hooper
Rebekah Helget

KSDE Staff Present:

Beth Fultz
Laura Jurgensen,

Dean Zajic
Lee Jones

Colleen Riley
Pat Bone

Guests:

Adam Maloney – SCKESC

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joan Robbins and seconded by Joan Macy.

Motion Passed

Approval of July Meeting Minutes:

Corrections – add Kathy K-O as absent

Motion to approve as amended was made by Joan Macy and seconded by Doug Anderson.

Motion Passed

Kansas State Assessment Update

Beth Fultz, KSDE-CSAS
Lee Jones, KSDE-CSAS

Handout –Letter in packet Shrinking the footprint
New Handout – Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment

- DLM is an instructionally embedded system.
- Embedded model will be continued this year.
- Teachers have been expressing that the DLM assessments have been a positive experience for teachers instructionally, and for parents to understand their child's progress.
- Instructional resources are available for teachers.
- KSDE is working to provide additional support to teachers to learn the benefits of the essential elements to improve instruction for students.
- Webinars will continue throughout the year.
- Questions – please contact Beth or Lee. They are happy to come to your district and present to your staff.

ESEA Update

Dean Zajic, KSDE-ECSETS

Handout: Comments submitted by KSDE for Notice for Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)

- Over 20,000 comments were received by the U. S. Department of Education
- Final guidance may not be released until January.
- KSDE will not be able to finalize the state plan until this guidance has been released.
- Information will be posted soon on the ESEA website about the advisory council's membership.

SEAC Annual Report Draft

Colleen Riley

This report will be presented to the State Board in January 2017. At the January State Board of Education meeting SEAC will be introduced and will host a breakfast with the state board members. This is a time to have informal conversations regarding the issues we are facing in education.

Draft report was reviewed.

Comments were provided for updating the document. Pat and Colleen will make adjustments based on members input and provide a new draft at the next meeting.

KSDE Updates

Colleen Riley

PowerPoint

Kansas Education Systems Accreditation – Link to website PowerPoint

- System approach to accreditation. This is a change from a building level approach.
- This system is about taking schools/districts from where they are and helping them plan for improvement.

Kindergarten Readiness

Barbara Dayal

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire is being piloted 2016-2017. It is a parent completed child monitoring system. Online capability or paper completion is available. Only requires about 15 minutes to complete.
- Ages and Stages Social-Emotional Questionnaire is also a part of the pilot.
- Discussion-
 - Kindergarten Readiness Screening tool implies that it is something that children must be able to do before entering Kindergarten. Concern that parents will hold students back in a pre-school based on results and feeling their child is not ready. Burden in districts to provide pre-school for additional children. KSDE is avoiding the use of the word assessment due to 15 years of no child left behind and the negative connotations of poor results. KSDE will be intentional in the message that it puts out and districts will also need to work on the message they put out to parents.
 - This is a screening tool to know and inform teachers where students are and where they need the most support as they enter Kindergarten.
 - Recommendation for Kindergarten Round-up. It may be used but with the knowledge that they will be given the screening again following entering Kindergarten.
 - Documents on messaging are being developed by KSDE and the Commissioner to inform teachers and parents.
 - It is not a screener for special education services. This is only one piece of data on a student. KSDE research team may be able to provide some data on impact of holding students back in the early grades and dropouts later on.

Motion

Joan Robbins moved that the ECSET team provide information to SEAC on the effects of retention of students as it relates to dropout and graduation rates.

Motion was seconded by Deb Young.
Motion passed.

If you hear about funding opportunities that would support this project, please let Colleen know.

Public Comment:

No one was present to provide comment.

TASN Handout

Lee Stickle

- Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) Training – Advanced training opportunity.
 - Available for earning the credential or as just for information.
- School Mental Health Resources
- Virtual Strategies Toolkits
- De-Escalation Training Materials are being developed. They are designed for use by Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

- Differentiated Expectations hold students back. We need to focus on differentiated instruction so that they can answer these questions.
 - What do I want to do for a living?
 - Where do I want to live?
 - Who do you want to live with?
 - What do you want to do with your free time?

TASN Evaluation Brief
Handouts

Amy Gaumer-Erickson

- Focus on continuing improvement
- These briefs only cover the highlights for last year. Several of the project briefs are still under development and will be available soon.

Council Member Reports

Families Together – Leia

- Handouts
 - Education Advocate Program
 - Data from March 1-June 30, 2016
- Parent Leadership Conference coming soon

Others

- Kathy K-O – Juvenile Justice system involvement and being sure that students in the Juvenile Justice system receive the same opportunities as others. KSDE is working to include them in KIAS.

Planning for meeting with the State ICC

- Annual collaborative meeting for birth-8
- Process of finalizing the PD for the State ICC coordinator Supports ICC and the local ICC as well as SEAC. Hope this new staff member will be on board by our November meeting.
- Morning will be dedicated to SEAC business, ICC members will join us at noon for lunch followed by a joint meeting. Pat will work with Matt Connell on the agenda.

Possible agenda items

- LRE anything new or specific
- Joint indicator information on:
 - LRE
 - Outcomes
 - Transition part C to B
- STEM activities at the preschool level – what is developmentally appropriate.
- Update on Kindergarten Readiness
- Social/Emotional behaviors discussion topic-how do we address
- Wendy Webb – Temperature or Tantrums

Next SEAC Meeting

Invitation to advocacy groups

- Before and After School services – behavior support para’s, extended services, financial considerations

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Amy Dejmaj at 1:40 PM and seconded by Deb Young.
Motion passed.