

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

(SEAC)



November 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:11 am by SEAC Chair Marvin Miller

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Amy Dejmal
Debora Howser
Robb Scott

Deb Young
Diane Plunkett
Joan Macy

Doug Anderson
Judy Martin
Kathy Kersenbrock-
Ostmeyer
Rebekah Helget

Lesli Girard
Sarah Schaffer

Marvin Miller
Tina Gibson

Members Absent:

Joan Robbins
Jason Hooper

Marcy Aycock
Mike Martin

Maureen Huppe
Stacie Clarkson

KSDE Staff Present:

Dean Zajic
Laura Jurgensen

Colleen Riley
Pat Bone

Guests: Robert Cooper

Approval of Agenda:

Joan Macy is on the SB 323 Committee but will not be on the call at the time information will be presented during SEAC today. She wanted the council to be aware she is also involved in this work.

The invitation to an advocacy group presentation has not worked out for today. Community Works will be attending the January SEAC meeting to share information.

The ICC collaborative meeting is not able to take place today as the ICC members were not available on this date. Our January and April meeting dates have been shared in the hopes they will be able to coordinate with us for one of those.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Debora Howser and seconded by Kathy K-O.

Motion Passed

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Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the September minutes was made by Kathy K-O and seconded by Robb Scott.

Motion passed.

Annual Report Review – Colleen Riley

Comments

- A few edits to correct spelling on member's names
- Add additional items under accomplishments
 - Added member representing students with a disability
 - ESI taskforce members Marvin and Joan
 - Families Together Conference in April – Marvin had a table with SEAC materials.
 - Support and collaboration for Senate Bill 323 on Language Assessment
 - Commissioner's Special Education Advisory was formed.

A motion to approve the 2015-2016 Annual report as amended was made by Rebekah Helget and seconded Kathy K-O.

Motion passed.

School Mental Health Update - Cherie Blanchet, TASN provider

PowerPoint will be posted on the SEAC website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>

Books available for members to take and share with others.

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Kerry Haag discussed the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) and the work being done to expand the services that are provided through TASN. The grant focuses on establishing professional development and systems that allow implementation of evidence based practices.

The Kansas SPDG grant application will be shared with SEAC in January to receive feedback.

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TASN Update – Crystal Davis

TASN Website <http://ksdetasn.org/>

- Current providers tab <http://ksdetasn.org/providers>
- <http://ksdetasn.org/smhi/> School Mental Health page and resources. There is also a Facebook page with resources and relevant information.

In thinking about how we support our students we must also think about how we support our families, teachers, and educators.

Today, we will focus on recruiting, training, and supporting our teachers. Kansas Teaching Jobs website – a place that shows where are teaching jobs located. Julie Wilson, TASN, has continued to refine and add resources to retain teachers. Information is available on the TASN website at: <http://ksdetasn.org/keep>

- Early career mentoring for Special Education Teachers
- Early career teachers in their first three years of teaching in Kansas
- Districts that are involved in early mentoring receive benefits as well as those teachers.
- Particularly important for those who may be the only special education teacher in their building or district. Connects them to resources and creates partnerships in the work they do.
- Specific work in the area of training and preparing teachers. Support for teachers of the visually impaired and teachers of the deaf. We do not have a training institution in Kansas that will prepare these teachers to be certified these teachers.
- Consortium for Low Incidence Personnel Preparation (CLIPP) – support for low incidence populations. We support individuals from multiple universities to come together and write courses to prepare these low incidence teachers.
- Support for teachers working with students with Autism and also their preparation before service.
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Go to the TASN website to ask questions and find information.

Please contact Crystal with any questions. cldavis@pittstate.edu

SB 323 Update – Robert Cooper,

First meeting, October 14 and it was a great meeting with lots of experience represented.

Next meeting Dec. 2, 2016

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Collaboration with advisory councils Colleen invited Robert to provide additional updates in January and April to SEAC

Update from the Kansas State Board of Education Meeting – Colleen

Commissioners Update included:

- Vision and ongoing work including Kindergarten Readiness and Early Childhood.
- Kathy K-O testified on teacher shortages and provisional or waiver licenses to acquire the needed training.
- Commissioner also asked Tammy Mitchell to report on how KSDE identified schools for comprehensive supports.
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Robb Scott shared a letter he sent to Commissioner Watson addressing the direct entry license for special education. (letter shared)

Marvin requested an update on this topic for the January meeting.

KASEA meeting update from Omaha last week on a funding task force report looking at the number of teachers, paras, students, by district.

KASEA needs:

- trend data
- also be sure that data is consistent across categories categories.

SEAC will be involved in collaboration between KSDE and KASEA in the area of staffing.

Public Comment:

No comments provided today.

Lunch

KSDE Updates

KIAS – Dean Zajic, ECSETS Team

PowerPoint – posted on the SEAC website: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>

Overview and purpose of the Kansas Integrated Accountability System and how it is used to meet KSDE's monitoring requirements. Focused on results driven accountability.

- This is a cohesive system for submitting data and monitoring of all Title programs, including VIB Special Education.

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- Aligned with KESA, MTSS, Schoolwide, and KLN for sharing of data and providing for technical assistance needed by districts.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – Dean Zajic and Tate Toedman

- Expecting regulations to be released perhaps in January.
- Lessons learned information from the Center for School Turnaround will be sent to SEAC members.
- Kansas is already aligned with many of the new requirements that will be required in ESSA.
- While there are new requirements, there is not new money. Kansas and its districts are in great shape to move forward under ESSA.
- What Works Clearing House – resource. <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/> An objective collection of rigorous resource of data and research and information on the resources effectiveness.
- Title II non-regulatory guidance. At this time USDE has released 8 -10 guidance documents. These include practical tips for districts.
- Homeless program, Title IX, McKinney Vento part of ESSA went into effect Oct. 1.
- Dec 10, the Foster Care Act becomes part of Title I. Doug Boline and Mark Ward will be the foster care contacts to coordinate the efforts needed with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and other entities. Plans for the collaboration are moving forward.
- Dr. Anderson from Topeka, USD 501 was a keynote speaker for the National Homeless Conference. She has a program in place to take high risk seniors with her on college visits as she travels to conferences. These students were asked to share their plans and speak to the crowd of over 1300. During the conference, these students were connected to opportunities.

Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) – Bill Bagshaw

- We will be accrediting systems (Districts and other entities) on a 5-year cycle
- ZERO Year Guidance Plan (handout)
- Now in Quarter 2 and are doing training across the state
- 15-20 statewide trainings have occurred (mostly for administrators)
- The 5 state board outcomes have become the evidence for accreditation system based on the 5 R's
- Districts will choose one R to focus on improving for the accreditation cycle.
- Rubrics are in place to guide the districts in the collecting of evidence.
- Outside validation teams will be in place for each system. These will all look different based on the needs of the district (system). Districts will determine who is on their team.

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- Training for all outside validation teams will be conducted by KSDE so that all teams follow similar guidelines.

Planning for January Meeting Colleen Riley

- Introductions and presentation of the Annual Report to the State Board on day one (Tuesday)
- Breakfast with the State Board at 7:30 AM on the Wednesday in Room 509. Informal networking conversations

Suggested topics for discussion during the January meeting:

- Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) and Early Childhood
- Board Outcomes on Kindergarten Readiness
- Direct entry into Sped
- Update on Senate Bill SB 323 – Language Assessment
- Update on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG_ Application for the next 5 years
- State Performance Plan – Annual Performance Report (SPP-APR) review if complete

Kansas Association for Special Education Administrators (KASEA) – Rebekah Helget PowerPoint – posted on the SEAC website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>

- Sharing of key areas that KASEA is involved in and functions.
- KASEA is a state organization that is part of the larger national organization CASE.

Council Reports

Families Together – Lesli Girard

- Handout
- Parent Leadership Conference – Topeka. Linda Wilkerson was keynote on Kansas MTSS. About 175 participants. Focusing more on education, rather than legislative issues. Parents and students attended.
- Spoke to class for Laura Jurgensen and included information on the role of SEAC.
- Have been receiving calls from principals on the topic of ESI and reporting. Great conversations.

Judy Martin reported that Kansas has 9-10,000 students reported as homeless. This is a very slight decrease from last year. Homelessness is a growing trend in the country.

Members are invited to attend at KASB the Kansas Chapter of CEC will be honoring teachers and students on Monday, November 14 at 11:30am.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Anderson and seconded by Deb Young.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51.