

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

(SEAC)



Notes
January 10, 2017

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by chair, Dr. Marvin Miller.

Roll Call:

Members present

Amy Dejmaj
Diane Plunkett
Robb Scott

Doug Anderson
Joan Robbins
Joan Macy

Debora Howser
Marcy Aycok
Kathy Kersenbrock-
Ostmeyer
Rebekah Helget
Tina Gibson

Lesli Girard
Sarah Schaffer

Matt Ramsey
Stacie Clarkson

Members Absent

Deb Young
Jason Hooper

Judy Martin
Mike Martin

Maureen Huppe

KSDE Staff Attending

Colleen Riley
Dean Zajic

Kerry Haag
Susan Helbert

Diana Stanfill
Jay Scott

Approval of Agenda

Discussion:

- Robert Cooper will be making the 10:45 AM presentation instead of Chriz Dally.
- Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, KASEA is having ongoing conversations about the use of para-educators in the classroom. KASEA would like to work with KSDE by collecting data and documents on the most effective use of the para-professional in the classroom. This discussion item will be added to the agenda item for KASEA at 11:30 on Wednesday.

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer moved to approve the agenda as amended. Tina Gibson seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Diane Plunkett moved to approve the minutes as presented. Joan Robbins seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Discussion of State Board Meeting Process

**Colleen Riley
Matt Ramsey**

Introduction to the State Board will occur at 1:30 PM this afternoon during the State Board meeting. Matt Ramsey will present the 2015-2016 SEAC Annual Report at the end of introductions.

There is an item on the board agenda after SEAC that members may want to listen to on direct entry licensure. Members decided to stay in the boardroom to listen to this discussion.

SEAC will host breakfast tomorrow morning at 7:30 AM with the members of the state board. This breakfast is an opportunity for members to talk informally with the board and share areas of concern or interest.

Direct Entry Special Education Licensure

**Susan Helbert
Colleen Riley**

- Teacher vacancy/shortages – blue ribbon task force work. A recommendation was presented to the State Board this fall. The summary report is posted on KSDE website <http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Communications/Publications/BRTF%20Final.pdf>. The State Board has formed a permanent committee, Kansas Vacancy and Supply Committee, as a result of this report. Two state board members – Sally Cauble and Kathy Busch are members of this committee. The committee is taking a deep dive into the causes of the shortages. The goal is to create options to help alleviate the problem. The committee is currently looking at Alt Elem Ed, a student/teaching combination of options, comprehensive science, and mentoring.
- Elementary Unified and Special Ed direct entry licensure. - Handout from State Board presentation in December.
 - Link to standards posted online. <http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/Postsecondary/Educator-Preparation/Public-Review-and-Comment-for-KS-Educator-Licensure-Standards>
- KSDE is moving forward to start program development on a secondary license option for direct entry
- Next meeting of the Committee is January 18 to begin development of program standards for secondary.
- Future SEAC meetings will include presentation/discussion on recommendations to include in this licensure option.

Update on Language Acquisition and Assessment

Robert Cooper

PowerPoint and handout

The next meeting of the Language Assessment Advisory Committee is January 20, 2017, 10-3 in room 509.

State Personnel Development Grant Update (SPDG)

**Kerry Haag
Dr. Amy Gaumer-Erikson**

PowerPoint

The work Kansas has been doing through the SPDG grant has been presented nationally three times. It is being shared with you to provide information on how we are working to support teachers in Kansas through this grant.

KSDE will be working on a new application for SPDG for the national level. The application has not yet been released. We are working to draft some pieces that will be areas of focus in the future by gathering input and ideas from stakeholder groups.

Public Comment:

Mike Wasner – Parent of child with Autism and Director of Affairs for Autism Speaks.

- How do parents find out what transition for high school students services are available?
- Expansion of KSDE website might be helpful.

Jennifer Kirth - University of Kansas. Commended the Council on the Low Incidence area of licensure work. She also offered support to the council as the work for unified secondary education preparation programs begins.

Lunch

Community Works, Inc. Presentation

**Janet Williams, PhD
Laura Boswell**

PowerPoint and handout

Presentation of Annual Report to the Kansas State Board of Education

SEAC reconvened at 2:15 PM following the State Board Meeting presentation.

State Board Goal – Post-Secondary Outcomes

Jay Scott

PowerPoint

KSDE Updates

- Significant Disproportionality
PowerPoint and handouts Dean Zajic/Diana Stanfill
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
Handout – Updated Fact Sheet Dean Zajic

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:05pm

**Notes
January 11, 2017**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Chair, Dr. Marvin Miller.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Amy Dejmal	Doug Anderson	Debora Howser
Diane Plunkett	Joan Robbins	Marcy Aycock
Robb Scott	Joan Macy	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
Lesli Girard	Matt Ramsey	Rebekah Helget
Sarah Schaffer	Tina Gibson	

Members Absent:

Deb Young	Judy Martin	Maureen Huppe
Jason Hooper	Mike Martin	Stacie Clarkson

KSDE Staff:

Colleen Riley	Sandy Guidry	Kerry Haag
Tammy Mitchell	Julie Ehler	Laura Jurgensen
Barbara Dayal		

Breakfast with the Board Debrief:

Topics of discussion

- System of Early Social Services and funding in Kansas
- Dyslexia
- Mental Health concerns
- The State Board chair has asked SEAC to consider having a state board member as a part of the council.

Motion:

Dr. Robb Scott moved to add a position on the SEAC council of a state board member as an ex-officio member of SEAC. Seconded by Diane Plunkett.

Motion passed.

Colleen/Pat will contact the commissioner with this information and formally request the naming of an ex-officio state board member to the council.

There are two current openings on SEAC – related services and Charter school. Please send nominations to Pat if you have recommendations.

Emergency Safety Interventions Data

Laura Jurgensen
Julie Ehler

Handout - Report of Emergency Safety Intervention Data for Reporting Period 2 of the 2015-16 school year.

KSDE Updates – Continued

Colleen
Sig-Dis already covered
ESSA – already covered

Questions –
Sig/Dis comments

- Link to full legislation <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-19/pdf/2016-30190.pdf>
- Public comments sent to OSEP made a difference in the final regulations. Letter is included in your packet.

Information is shared in the DLS Hot Topics presentations that occur every two weeks. These presentations are all posted on the DLS division webpage at: <http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services>

Please put the Summer Leadership Conference and SEAC meeting on your calendars. The afternoon of July 25, 2017 will be the SEAC orientation meeting. The Leadership Conference is scheduled for July 26-27, 2017.

Early Learning in Kansas

Barbara Dayal

PowerPoint

Member Updates

- Families Together - Leslie Girard – Handout
- KASEA update - Terry Collins
Handouts
- Para-Educator - Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
 - KASEA had discussion on research in staffing of para educators and information or a white paper on best practices in the use of para-educators.

Adjournment

Deb Howser moved to adjourn and Rebekah Helget seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.