

# Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

(SEAC)



April 19, 2017

Chair Marvin Miller called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

## **Roll Call:**

### **Members Present:**

Amy Dejmal  
Joan Robbins  
Maureen Huppe  
Lesli Girard  
Rebekah Helget  
Tina Gibson

Deb Young  
Judy Martin  
Robb Scott  
Marvin Miller  
Sarah Schaffer

Deb Howser  
Marcy Aycock  
Joan Macy  
Mike Martin  
Stacie Clarkson

### **Members Absent:**

Doug Anderson

Jason Hooper

Diane Plunkett

### **KSDE Staff Present:**

Colleen Riley  
Dean Zajic  
Barbara Dayal

Susan Helbert  
Diana Stanfill  
Kerry Haag

Laura Jurgensen  
Vera Stroup-Rentier  
Pat Bone

### **Guests:**

Robert Cooper

Amanda Schefter

### **Approval of Agenda:**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Deb Howser and seconded by Stacie Clarkson.

Motion Passed

### **Approval of January Meeting Minutes:**

Amendments:

- Add Marvin Miller as present on both days
- Correct Spelling of Lesli Girard
- Correct meeting date of the Language Assessment Advisory Committee to March 30

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- Correct spelling of Jennifer Kurth

A motion to approve the January minutes as amended was made by Rebekah Helget and seconded by Mike Martin.

Motion Passed.

## **SEAC nominations**

Thank you Dr. Joan Robbins for your service to Kansas children as a member of SEAC from 2011-2017.

Chair – Elect – Nominations for 2017-2018

- Mike Martin

Marvin Miller made the motion to accept the nomination of Mike Martin. Robb Scott seconded the motion.

Motion passed. Mike Martin will serve as Chair-Elect for 2017-2018 and Chair for 2018-2019.

First term completed – Eligible for second term:

Stacie Clarkson made the motion for Joan Macy, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Dr. Marcy Aycock and Dr. Marvin Miller to stay on the council and serve a second term. Rebekah Helget seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Council Vacancies – beginning July 1, 2017

- Foster Care Agency
- Public Charter School
- Related Services
- LEA Official

A nomination form for these positions will be sent on all of KSDE's listservs. Council members are encouraged to submit nominations for those with qualifications to fill any of the openings.

A google form has been set up to complete nominations. It can be accessed at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OptbFsWDdPB5JJcm1>

## **Direct Entry on Special Education license**

Susan Helbert  
Catherine Schmidling

- Regulations process has begun for the director of special education license. Once the regulations process is completed universities will have to develop their program and be approved by the Kansas State Board of Education before it becomes available for students to enroll.
- The Elementary Unified license is ready for program review.
- Secondary Unified License – public comment is open. Content standards for Math and ELA are included.

## **Appropriate Use of Para Educators in the Classroom**

July Agenda Item.

1. How are paras being used
2. Training for para educators.

## **Reimbursement Guide**

The public comment for the reimbursement guide is scheduled for tomorrow, April 20, in room 102. This public comment periods purpose is solely to receive comments on the reimbursement guide. Comments may also be made by submitting comments to the email address anytime prior to the end of April. [SESPublicComments@ksde.org](mailto:SESPublicComments@ksde.org)

Changes to the reimbursement guide are made annually to provide clarification.

## **Significant Disproportionality**

Laura Jurgensen, Diana Stanfill

- Working on data review.
- Federal law changed in December.
- Working with stakeholders for input.

## **Update on Language Acquisition**

Robert Cooper

Handout provided – summary of committee work.

Please contact Robert with any questions. [Robert.Cooper@ks.gov](mailto:Robert.Cooper@ks.gov)

Robert will continue to be invited to SEAC meetings to provide updates.

## **Early Learning in Kansas**

Vera Stroup-Rentier  
Barbara Dayal

Handouts-

- PowerPoint
- Fact Sheets
  - Kindergarten Readiness
  - Early Learning

## **Autism Society – The Heartland**

Amanda Schefter

A packet of information was shared. This Association serves the Kansas City Missouri area. The Heartland is partnering with people, communities, and providers to care for people with Autism.

Services they provide:

- Adult social group
- Parent group
- Sensory friendly events (ex. movies with lights dim but not dark, sound not as loud, etc.)
- Grant program for members to attend camps or equipment as they are needed.
- Advocacy work
- Often refer to Families together for assistance.

Amanda's email [President@asahearland.org](mailto:President@asahearland.org) or the organizations email is: [info@asahearland.org](mailto:info@asahearland.org)

## **State Personnel Development Grant**

Kerry Haag

PowerPoint

- Application for new grant award has been submitted
- Grant duration is a 5 year period.
- August or September is the anticipated announcement of grant awards.

## **Public Comment:**

Terry Collins, Representing KASEA  
Topic: Proposed changes to the reimbursement guide.

## **Legislative Update**

Laura Jurgensen

PowerPoint

- Legislature will be back in May for the veto session.
- School finance bills are still in committee. The legislature wants to be very intentional and make sure that it meets the requirements of the Gannon decision.
- The KPERS bill dealing with working past retirement is in conference committee.

## **Telehealth bill – Stacie Clarkson**

- Thank you SEAC for the letter of support for the telehealth bill.
- Public hearing was held with 12 testifying in favor and one opposing.
- Working with KDHE on a pilot for specific codes for next year. Pilot would help determine response and need.
- Secretary of KDHE is in support of this bill.

**HB 2243** is the only bill concerning ESI. Hearing in the house occurred following January SEAC meeting. Concerned with mechanical restraints by school security officers. Many members of the ESI taskforce testified against this bill.

## KSDE Updates

### KIAS

Vera Stroup-Rentier  
Stacie Martin

Handout – Draft Fact Sheet

- KIAS aligns all the regulations and laws for monitoring processes into one system. It is an integrated system of continuous improvement.
- This is an ongoing data collection and verification process.
- Technical Assistance is provided to districts with identified needs determined through the KIAS process.
- Contact Stacie with any questions. [smartin@ksde.org](mailto:smartin@ksde.org)

### Special Member Recognition

Colleen Riley

Deb Young – Ms. Wheelchair Kansas

Deb thanked SEAC members for their continued support. Deb will be going to Pennsylvania for nationals. Deb requested support for her travel to national competition. Website:

[https://www.gofundme.com/3nsvvwo?pc=sms\\_co\\_cardshare\\_a&rcid=123f41d1c84842d690d1a2587a71c040](https://www.gofundme.com/3nsvvwo?pc=sms_co_cardshare_a&rcid=123f41d1c84842d690d1a2587a71c040)

### ESEA/ESSA Updates

Colleen Riley

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- State Consolidated Plan for all title programs will be submitted in September.
- Questions should be submitted to Sandy Guidry [sguidry@ksde.org](mailto:sguidry@ksde.org) or Tate Toedman [toedman@ksde.org](mailto:toedman@ksde.org).

### IDEA State Performance Plan

Submitted February 2, 2017

### Kansas Vision For Education (handout-poster)

Focus is on students.

### Member Updates

Families Together

Lesli Girard

- Handout Data for January – March 2017
  - ESI calls – 10 total
- 2015-16 ESI calls
  - 54 total
- 2016-April 18, 2017 ESI calls
  - 33 total
- Increased calls on bullying.

KASEA

Rebekah Helget

Leadership conference was held in January and was well attended. Trauma Informed Care was a big focus area. KASEA is reviewing their mission and vision as well as updating the region areas and working to improve how they communicate with each other.

Homeless Update

Judy Martin

- Tate Toedman is the KSDE contact.
- Part of the new work of ESSA is on the McKinney Vento Act. 9,200 students last year.
- A New element under ESSA is mandatory training for each homeless liaison.

Robb Scott – shared an article he wrote on the K-6 unified license.

Lesli – Invited members to attend Education Advocate Trainings.

Marvin Miller

- Kansas CEC conference June 9 workshop by Dr. Jason Travers at KASB
- State Board Ex-Officio member – Jim McNiece has been appointed as the designee.

Colleen Riley-

- Thank you all for the time you share on this council.
- Thank you Marvin for your leadership this year.

Pat Bone

- Travel reminder; get reimbursement requests in to Pat by May 15.

Marcy Aycock moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 pm. Joan Macy seconded the motion.

Motion passed