



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

September 5, 2017
Landon State Office Building
Room 509

Call to Order:

Meeting came to order at 9:03 am.

Roll Call – Members Present:

Amy Dejmal
Debora Howser
Joan Macy
Lesli Girard
Rebekah Helget
Tina Gibson

Chelle Kemper
Doug Anderson
Judy Martin
Marvin Miller
Robb Scott

Deb Young
Jim McNiece
Laura Thompson
Maureen Huppe
Stacie Clarkson

Members Absent:

Diane Plunkett
Marcy Aycok

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
Mike Martin

Kelly McCauley
Sarah Schaffer

KSDE Staff Present:

Colleen Riley
Julie Ehler
Deb Matthews

Kerry Haag
Pat Bone

Laura Jurgensen
Lori Adams

Lollipop Moments:

Leadership video that focused on the positive moments. Positive moments from the beginning of the year.

- Dr. Huppe shared a first graders story.
- Rebekah Helget shared a story about the relationship building work going on in Geary County School District and a special presenter brought in to kick off the year, Manny Scott.

Approval of Agenda and July Minutes:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Marvin Miller. The motion was seconded by Deb Young.

Motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Deb Young and seconded by Judy Martin.

Motion passed.

Teacher Licensure Update:
PowerPoint presentation

Lori Adams

- Changes discussed became effective as of July 1, 2017.
- Data entry will open September 15, 2017.
- Changes were made to provide flexibility in meeting students with disabilities needs with teachers who are appropriately licensed.
- Waivers may be renewed twice to allow time for course completion.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited licensure program.

Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Data

Laura Jurgensen
Julie Ehler

Taskforce update – Laura

- Began in 2015
- Revised in 2016 based on taskforce work
- During 2017 legislative session a bill was introduced regarding school security officers use of mechanical restraints. The taskforce reconvened to discuss and make a recommendation on this subject. The taskforce recommended no change be made at this time.
- Laura is currently working to reconvene the taskforce this fall for a one-time discussion. Marvin Miller and Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer represent SEAC on the ESI taskforce.

Data – Julie
Handout

- This is preliminary data and not all data is finalized.
- Age, Ethnicity, gender, and duration of incident are reported categories.
- This data is for the entire school year 2016-2017.
- Last two pages are an example of how a drill down of data looks.
- Technical assistance (TA) and training are intended to help reduce the time involved in seclusion situations. KSDE is using TASN resources to help with individual student issues.
- What would SEAC like to see in the updates?
 - Some percentages between ethnic groups and total ethnic population. Are there similarities?
 - How you use the data to support TA and how TA is provided.
 - Overview of what is occurring in TA for 7-9 year olds where the numbers appear to be highest.
 - Liked being able to use data to drill down to the student level.

Dynamic Learning Maps
Powerpoint

Deb Matthews

- These assessments are for students with significant cognitive disabilities in Kansas.
- No major changes in DLM for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Science now includes some testlets that may be used during the instruction period.
- Administration of spring tests is where the districts are struggling.

Para Workgroup

Colleen Riley
Elena Lincoln

PowerPoint Handout

- Group formed following the July SEAC meeting to discuss the questions surrounding Para's.
- First step is the creation of resource guide.
- Workgroup plans to focus on special education para-educator with some resources applicable to other support staff and decision-making.
- Pulling information from existing laws and regulations to develop resource tool.
- Draft resource guide will be provided to SEAC at the November meeting
- Send input ideas to Joan Macy or Colleen for SEAC consideration.
- Partners - may need some additional voices for some of the development
- Development of training is Phase Two
 - Tagging of TASN resources for para educators
 - Ongoing development of resources

Freedom Hooves Riding Program

Deb Young

Handouts

Deb attended the Freedom Hooves Rodeo in July. Volunteers brought up the horses to meet attendees. Riders have to pay because of the lack of sponsors. Purchases through Amazon or Dillon's may be designated to the program. If you know of any potential sponsors, please share the information. Every child receives an award at the rodeo. There is always a need for volunteers.

There are several riding programs in the state.
Gala on October 14, 2017

KSDE Updates

Colleen Riley

PowerPoint slides

- Kansas School Mental Health Advisory –
 - Self-care for professionals is important in this work also.
 - State Board have a sense of urgency on this topic. It fits with the Board vision on Social Emotional and Character Development as well as the need to address sexual abuse in schools before the legislature meets for 2018. Development of a comprehensive strategy is the goal of the council. Legislature allowed the State Board to take the lead in developing a means to address the needs and that is driving the urgency of the work.
- School Redesign Timeline – seven districts named to lead the way on this work. KSDE website has much more in-depth information on the project.
- Federal Law on Homelessness memo in regard to Hurricane displacements. Information was sent out on all KSDE listservs last week.
- Upcoming Conferences – registration information included
 - 10th Annual Kansas MTSS Conference
 - KSDE Annual Conference – Kansans Can Imagine
 - Tri-State Regional Special Education Law Conference (Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa)
 - Travel supported through reimbursement for SEAC members
- Dyslexia Resources (one area of learning disability)

- Questions for parents and educators. www.understood.org
- Public Comment items: please share your comments
- Kansas MTSS and KESA (Handout)
- Early Learning in Kansas
 - Use of funding streams to develop effective early learning special education programs
 - Grant specifications are on the website: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=514>
 - Frequently asked Questions (FAQ) work is ongoing and being developed.
 - Questions should be sent to Tiffany Blevins tblevins@ksde.org or Nis Wilbur nwilbur@ksde.org, Ryan Weir rweir@ksde.org, Dean Zajic dzajic@ksde.org, or Colleen Riley criley@ksde.org

Public Comment

- Craig Knutson – Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities, New initiative – Life Course framework. Handout

TASN Updates

Susan Sipe

Some TASN providers shared an Ignite presentation. These presentations are designed as brief overviews and do not contain in-depth information. All of these presenters and their projects may be reached through the TASN website and use of the big blue button (Request Assistance). <https://ksdetasn.org/>

Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) IGNITE presentation Jane Groff

- Evidence based Family Engagement
- Handouts include survey and other tools available through KPIRC
- Parent Leadership conference
- Jane may be contacted for resources through the TASN website, big blue button or at jgroff@kpirc.org
- Presented as a part of the new educator mentoring program
- Developed course for autism educator preparation program

Autism and Tertiary Behavior Supports (ATBS) IGNITE presentation Lee Stickle

- Regional autism consultants – 10 individuals that have skills for meeting both student and teacher needs. These consultants are creating capacity for the work in their local district and are available to visit other schools to share the knowledge.

Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI/COMS) IGNITE presentation Aundrayah Shermer

- Programs for educators to attain TVI or COMS skills.
- Contact Aundrayah through the blue button on the TASN website.

Teachers of the Deaf (TOD) IGNITE presentation Joan Macy

- Project to add teachers of the deaf or hard of hearing students.

Update on Interagency Coordination Council (ICC) Jordan Christian

Annual report is in your packet today. The ICC is a sister council that shares many of the same goals as SEAC. Family voices committee has been reinstated to support parent members on the council. This report was submitted to the governor's office last week.

Update on Social Emotional Character Development Grant and SPDG
PowerPoint

Kerry Haag

State Personnel Development Grant Summary Handout

- 90% of funds must be spent on professional development opportunities
- Looking to build a system of support for birth through age 21
- Approximately \$1million per year for 5 years

Member updates

- Families Together Lesli Girard
 - Parent Leadership Conference – This is for families. Sessions available in English and Spanish. Held here in Topeka
 - KASEA – Rebekah Helget
 - Planning meeting tomorrow to discuss communication between regions. Next meeting at Tri state Law conference on Wednesday, Nov. 1
 - post list of Region meetings on SEAC website
 - Ms. Wheelchair Kansas Update Deb Young
 - Remarkable experience
 - Woman of Perseverance Award recipient

Adjournment –

A motion to adjourn was made by Marvin Miller and seconded by Robb Scott.

Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm