



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

Wichita Hyatt, Birch  
400 W Waterman  
Wichita, KS

July 24, 2018

**Call to Order:**

Meeting came to order at 12:45 pm.

Colleen Riley welcomed council members.

Introduction of council members and description of the roles they represent on the council.

**Roll Call – Members Present:**

Mike Martin	Rebekah Helget	Joan Macy
Stacie Clarkson	Heidi Cornell	Tina Gibson
Chelle Kemper	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer	Jennifer King
Judy Martin	Marvin Miller	Heath Peine
Sarah Schaffer	Robb Scott	Laura Thompson
Becci Werner	Deb Young	Lesli Girard
Mike Burgess		

**Members Absent:**

Amy Dejmal House Education Committee	Megan Laurent Senate Education Committee	Rachel Marsh
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**KSDE Staff Present:**

Colleen Riley	Kerry Haag	Jordan Christian
Dean Zajic	Amanda Petersen	Pat Bone

**Guests:**

Crystal Davis	Elena Lincoln	Wayne Ball
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**Reflections – Joan Macy**

Joan asked the council to consider these questions throughout their service to SEAC.

Questions to ponder over time:

- What did I do well this year in serving SEAC or my district/coop?
- Where do I need to grow?
- What things will I challenge myself with next year?
- How will all of the answers to these questions impact the learners that I serve/represent?

## **Looking Forward – Mike Martin**

Mike addressed topics he felt would be important to new members on the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC).

- Who are we (SEAC) and what do we do?
  - SEAC is set up by statute to assist the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) address issues for special education students.
  - The past couple of years we have discussed Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI), Significant Disproportionality, IDEA indicators for the state performance plan and many other important topics.
  - Our job as members is also to spread the message of what is best for students.
  - SEAC is an advisory group. We are not here to be an advocate for any political party, or single issue. We are here to gather information, share information, and provide input about providing the best education possible for all students.
- Members are here for a purpose.
  - Each member has a role specific to education and many of us as a parent of a child with a disability.
  - We are here to speak for the needs of the group(s) we represent.
  - Please ask questions as they come up. It is a big part of your role on this council.
- As a member of SEAC, you are also a voice in your community and with your legislators about the work SEAC is involved in and the work occurring in Education.

## **Approval of Agenda and April Minutes:**

Correction to the April meeting minutes – date of the meeting.

Rebekah Helget moved to approve the agenda and minutes as corrected. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

## **Roberts Rules of Order – Dean Zajic** Handout

SEAC will use the format of Roberts Rules of Order to conduct meetings. This enables the effective use of meeting time and ensures that everyone has an opportunity to share. We will use motions and approval of motions to finalize recommendations before they move on to other groups including the Kansas State Board of Education for consideration and action.

Notebook Contents –  
Review by Pat

Tab 1 – Meeting dates, member information, and Important Documents. Please review your member information and email [pbone@ksde.org](mailto:pbone@ksde.org) with any corrections.

Tab 2 – Reimbursement Forms  
Please complete a new W-9 form.

You will need to submit to Pat a new reimbursement form for each meeting you attend and are requesting reimbursement. You may request reimbursement for mileage, hotel (if needed),

tolls, and parking. If you are away from home overnight, you will be reimbursed for meals not provided at state per diem rates. As a SEAC member, there may be conferences you want to attend to expand or share your knowledge. These expenses are reimbursable also and in addition to items already listed include registration fees and other travel expenses as necessary. Complete the necessary form and submit receipts. Receipts must be submitted for hotels, registrations, etc. but are not necessary for meals.

#### Tab 3 – KSDE Staff Information and Fact Sheets

This tab contains contact information for staff on the Early Childhood and the Special Education and Title Services teams. It also has fact sheets for quick access to information for which our teams are responsible.

Tabs 4-8 are for your use to store the materials from each SEAC meeting.

The November meeting has traditionally focused on our connections with Early Childhood and the State ICC, with DCF, KDHE, and KSDE. I anticipate this will continue.

#### **Orientation** – Dean Zajic Powerpoint

Dean led members through a review of the council procedures, representation, and processes.

Kansas SEAC webpage. A good place to find historical information and information on upcoming meetings. <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561> Key contacts Pat Bone and Colleen Riley [pbone@ksde.org](mailto:pbone@ksde.org) or [criley@ksde.org](mailto:criley@ksde.org).

#### **TASN** – Crystal Davis Handout – Kansas TASN at a Glance

- Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) exists to provide assistance to districts to meet student's needs. We are accountable to follow evidence-based practices.
- Big blue button on TASN website [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org) may be accessed by anyone seeking support parents, teachers, administrators. TASN received 414 requests last year. The average initial response time was 1 hour 14 minutes.
- New project this past year with the Special Education Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) was School Mental Health. This project has received a federal grant to support the work.
- The TASN marketplace is being set up at this Summer Leadership Conference to showcase the TASN providers and the supports they are able to provide. Please stop by and visit our providers to learn more about what they are doing.
- Please pass on any ideas, resources, or questions to [cldavis@pittstate.edu](mailto:cldavis@pittstate.edu)

#### **Council Member reports**

- Families Together- Overview for new members. Families Together will be sending out a memo with data and other updates every other Monday. Contact Lesli Girard to be added to the email list. [lesli@familiestogetherinc.org](mailto:lesli@familiestogetherinc.org).
- KASEA- Overview for new members. No other updates to report.
- Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer update on Council for Early Childhood (CEC). Teacher shortage a major topic of discussion, with 48 states reporting shortages. Social-

Emotional Learning/Health gaining traction nationwide. Kathy met with staffs from both Senator Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran regarding IDEA and special education funding.

- Region 8 received an email from Salina regarding vision impaired services. Services purchased from the Kansas School for the Blind are no longer available. How can SEAC push for outreach further west in Kansas?
- Heath Peine legislative update. Heath met with staff from Representative Lynn Jenkins, Ron Estes and Kevin Yoder's offices. Discussed teacher shortages and possible reimbursements for students in college who are planning on becoming a K-12 teacher.
- Joan Macy Update- Language Assessment Bill Update. Went into effect July 1, 2018 with Kansas being only the second state to pass this law. Legislative report presented to the Kansas legislature. (Handout regarding this provided.)
- Robb Scott Update- Link to video created for this information <https://ilos.video/OAijSv>.
- Email read from Amy Dejmal.
- State Board Update from Jim McNiece
  - Good lines of communication with the Governor's Office and Legislature.
  - Reminder to get out and vote in the upcoming elections.
  - Recommendation for a meeting to discuss the "Effective Rate" data point that measures school success.
  - The State Board is also concerned about the teacher shortage in Kansas as well as low salaries.

**Public Comment:** None

### **KSDE Updates**

State Interagency Coordinating Council Update- Jordan Christian  
PowerPoint

- Overview of the Annual Local Interagency Coordinating Council Survey. Changes in data trends from 2017 to 2018.

Updates from Colleen Riley-

- Kansas has met Special Education Compliance Requirements of the State Performance Plan for data submitted in the Annual Performance Report.
- Upcoming Conferences:
  - -Kansas MTSS Annual Conference- September 4-7, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.
  - -KSDE Annual Conference- October 15-17, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.
  - -Tri-State Law Conference- November 7-9, 2018 at the CenturyLink Convention Center in Omaha.
  - -National Title I Conference- January 30 – February 2, 2019 in Kansas City, MO.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Stacey Clarkson moved to adjourn. Rebekah Helget seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.