

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)



Notes

July 26, 2016
12:30-4:30 pm
Hyatt Regency
Wichita, KS

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Amy Dejmal
Deb Howser
Judy Martin
Lesli Girard
Rebekah Helget

Deb Young
Diane Plunkett
Robb Scott
Marvin Miller
Sarah Schaffer

Doug Anderson
Joan Robbins
Joan Macy
Mike Martin
Stacie Clarkson

Members Absent:

Marcy Aycock
Matt Ramsey
Kathy Kersenbrock- Ostmeyer

Maureen Huppe
Tina Gibson

Jason Hooper

KSDE Staff Present:

Beth Fultz
Kerry Haag
Laura Jurgensen,

Tate Toedman
Colleen Riley

Sandy Guidry
Julie Ehler

Guests:

Wayne Ball
Natalie Rolfe

Kelly Stanford

(Rose Schaffer,
Sarah's mom)

Welcome/Reflections

**Matt Ramsey,
Past Chair**

- Marvin Miller is the SEAC chair for 2016-2017. Joan Macy is the SEAC chair-elect.
- Across the state we are hearing education funding concerns. Thank you for making it work in these times.

Looking Forward

**Marvin Miller,
Chair**

Marvin shared a quote taken from the UC Observer, the words belong to John Swinton.

“The problem we have with society is a real emphasis — and a quite right emphasis — on inclusion. I think at one level that’s fine. However, inclusion is simply not enough. To include people in society is just to have them there... There is a big difference between inclusion and belonging. To belong, you have to be missed. There’s something really, really important about that. People need to long for you, to want you to be there. When you’re not there, they should go looking for you.”

Link to the full article: http://www.ucobserver.org/interviews/2013/02/john_swinton/

This council is a unique and diverse group. You are encouraged to contribute to the robust discussions. When we as a council decide on something, we move forward with recommendations to the appropriate entity.

We are an advisory group, not an advocacy group. We will advise the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services (ECSETS) team and the Kansas State Board of Education. Marvin will be inviting advocacy organizations to speak to this group throughout the year and invites other members to give him ideas about advocacy groups you want to have visit with SEAC.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Deb Howser moved to approve the agenda as presented. Stacie Clarkson seconded the motion.

Motion Passed.

Judy Martin moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting. Mike Martin seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Review of Roberts Rules of Order and SEAC Notebook Content

Marvin Miller

A review of Robert’s rules of Order and public comment procedures was conducted.

Reimbursement Forms:

W9 everyone is to be filled out once each year by all SEAC members. Vouchers are in the SEAC notebook to complete following each meeting/conference so expenses can be reimbursed. Please give, mail, or email these to Pat Bone. pbone@ksde.org

Review of Membership and Meeting Dates 2016-2017

Marvin Miller

- There is a vacancy on the council. It is for a charter school representative. If you are in a district that has a charter school and have nominees, please contact Colleen.
- Our next SEAC meeting is set for Sept. 20th in Topeka at the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) in Topeka.
- The November SEAC meeting will include meeting with the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC).

SEAC Orientation:**PowerPoint****Colleen Riley, Wayne Ball,
Laura Jurgensen**

- SEAC is not an advocacy organization but there is a need to collaborate with those organizations to support children, parents and educators.
- SEAC meetings are open meetings and follow the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. If you want to disseminate information to SEAC members, please send it to Colleen or Pat and the information will be disseminated.
- If you have a request to please bring topics to SEAC for discussion, please send them to Marvin or Colleen.
- Notice for Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM):
 1. Significant Disproportionality (we have submitted comments)
 2. ESSA (will be submitting this week)
- Kansas legislation requires a Coordinating Council K-8. More information will be found at: www.stateadvisorypanel.org
- You will find information for SEAC posted at: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>.
- To contact KSDE staff working with SEAC you may email Colleen Riley at criley@ksde.org or Pat Bone at pbone@ksde.org
- Part D of IDEA supports parents and families. Lesli Girard is an ex-officio member on the council representing this area and provides information to the council regarding parent and family involvement.

Public Comment

No request for public comment was received.

Review Proposed Changes to Emergency Safety Interventions Regulation and receive public comment**PowerPoint and handouts****Laura Jurgensen**

Laura will present to state board meeting in August the proposed changes in regulations. This was necessary because of the amended statute passed by legislature. Changes in regulations are required by the statute and then changes to resources will follow.

SEAC Comments on statutory changes:

- KIAS – Seclusion and restraint will be reported in Authenticated Application – KIAS
 - Timeline: Statutes went into effect July 1, 2016. Regulations should be finalized in spring 2017.
 - When do revisions need to be in place at the district level? Revisions should be in district policy beginning this school year.
- Kudos to Laura and Julie, school board, legislators.
- Law enforcement exemptions? Were placed in statute that went into effect July 1.

Council Member Reports:

- Lesli, Families Together, (handout) Kansas Education Advocate Program
 - Members are welcome to come to the trainings.
 - August 31 – Manhattan
 - November 17 – Wichita
 - Parent Leadership Conference – October 28-29, 2016 - Topeka

- ESI Family Information Flyer will be out in August (Families Together)

Down Syndrome Society of Wichita

Natalie Rolfe

- There will be a student advocacy training for working students. Students in Wichita will be training to go to Capitol Hill to talk about what they want and need.
- Supporting parents by connecting parents to each other.
- Building a library of resource tools.
- 100% funded with private donations.
- Looking for other ways to connect from birth to 21.
- Often Works with Families Together in Wichita and Kansas City.

KSDE Updates

PowerPoint

**Colleen Riley, KSDE
And TASN Staff**

- Board of Education members (Handout)
- Early Childhood, Special Education & Title Services (ECSETS) staff (Handout)
- State Board Vision and Outcomes (Handout)
- Kansas Individuals with Disabilities Act Annual Performance Report (IDEA APR)
- Kansas Technical Assistance Systems Network (TASN) – Crystal Davis
- Upcoming Professional Learning for SEAC members to consider (handout)
- Kansas Education Systems Accreditation
- Kansas Assessment Updates – Beth Fultz (PowerPoint)
- Kansas Early Learning Standards – Barbara Dayal (PowerPoint)
- ESEA – Tate Toedman (PowerPoint)
- Significant Disproportionality – Diana Stanfill, Dean Zajic (PowerPoint)

All handouts and PowerPoints presented are available on the SEAC page of the KSDE website:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>

Meeting Adjourned

Marvin Miller

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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September 20, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:27 am by SEAC Chair Marvin Miller

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Amy Dejmal
Diane Plunkett
Robb Scott

Deb Young
Joan Robbins
Joan Macy

Doug Anderson
Judy Martin
Kathy Kersenbrock-
Ostmeyer
Maureen Huppe

Leia Holley (Lesli Girard)
Sarah Schaffer

Marvin Miller
Tina Gibson

Members Absent:

Deb Howser
Matt Ramsey
Stacie Clarkson

Marcy Aycock
Mike Martin

Jason Hooper
Rebekah Helget

KSDE Staff Present:

Beth Fultz
Laura Jurgensen,

Dean Zajic
Lee Jones

Colleen Riley
Pat Bone

Guests:

Adam Maloney – SCKESC

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joan Robbins and seconded by Joan Macy.

Motion Passed

Approval of July Meeting Minutes:

Corrections – add Kathy K-O as absent

Motion to approve as amended was made by Joan Macy and seconded by Doug Anderson.

Motion Passed

Kansas State Assessment Update

**Beth Fultz, KSDE-CSAS
Lee Jones, KSDE-CSAS**

Handout –Letter in packet Shrinking the footprint
New Handout – Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment

- DLM is an instructionally embedded system.
- Embedded model will be continued this year.
- Teachers have been expressing that the DLM assessments have been a positive experience for teachers instructionally, and for parents to understand their child's progress.
- Instructional resources are available for teachers.
- KSDE is working to provide additional support to teachers to learn the benefits of the essential elements to improve instruction for students.
- Webinars will continue throughout the year.
- Questions – please contact Beth or Lee. They are happy to come to your district and present to your staff.

ESEA Update

Dean Zajic, KSDE-ECSETS

Handout: Comments submitted by KSDE for Notice for Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)

- Over 20,000 comments were received by the U. S. Department of Education
- Final guidance may not be released until January.
- KSDE will not be able to finalize the state plan until this guidance has been released.
- Information will be posted soon on the ESEA website about the advisory council's membership.

SEAC Annual Report Draft

Colleen Riley

This report will be presented to the State Board in January 2017. At the January State Board of Education meeting SEAC will be introduced and will host a breakfast with the state board members. This is a time to have informal conversations regarding the issues we are facing in education.

Draft report was reviewed.

Comments were provided for updating the document. Pat and Colleen will make adjustments based on members input and provide a new draft at the next meeting.

KSDE Updates

Colleen Riley

PowerPoint

Kansas Education Systems Accreditation – Link to website PowerPoint

- System approach to accreditation. This is a change from a building level approach.
- This system is about taking schools/districts from where they are and helping them plan for improvement.

Kindergarten Readiness

Barbara Dayal

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire is being piloted 2016-2017. It is a parent completed child monitoring system. Online capability or paper completion is available. Only requires about 15 minutes to complete.
- Ages and Stages Social-Emotional Questionnaire is also a part of the pilot.
- Discussion-
 - Kindergarten Readiness Screening tool implies that it is something that children must be able to do before entering Kindergarten. Concern that parents will hold students back in a pre-school based on results and feeling their child is not ready. Burden in districts to provide pre-school for additional children. KSDE is avoiding the use of the word assessment due to 15 years of no child left behind and the negative connotations of poor results. KSDE will be intentional in the message that it puts out and districts will also need to work on the message they put out to parents.
 - This is a screening tool to know and inform teachers where students are and where they need the most support as they enter Kindergarten.
 - Recommendation for Kindergarten Round-up. It may be used but with the knowledge that they will be given the screening again following entering Kindergarten.
 - Documents on messaging are being developed by KSDE and the Commissioner to inform teachers and parents.
 - It is not a screener for special education services. This is only one piece of data on a student. KSDE research team may be able to provide some data on impact of holding students back in the early grades and dropouts later on.

Motion

Joan Robbins moved that the ECSET team provide information to SEAC on the effects of retention of students as it relates to dropout and graduation rates.

Motion was seconded by Deb Young.
Motion passed.

If you hear about funding opportunities that would support this project, please let Colleen know.

Public Comment:
No one was present to provide comment.

TASN Handout

Lee Stickle

- Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) Training – Advanced training opportunity.
 - Available for earning the credential or as just for information.
- School Mental Health Resources
- Virtual Strategies Toolkits
- De-Escalation Training Materials are being developed. They are designed for use by Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

- Differentiated Expectations hold students back. We need to focus on differentiated instruction so that they can answer these questions.
 - What do I want to do for a living?
 - Where do I want to live?
 - Who do you want to live with?
 - What do you want to do with your free time?

TASN Evaluation Brief
Handouts

Amy Gaumer-Erickson

- Focus on continuing improvement
- These briefs only cover the highlights for last year. Several of the project briefs are still under development and will be available soon.

Council Member Reports

Families Together – Leia

- Handouts
 - Education Advocate Program
 - Data from March 1-June 30, 2016
- Parent Leadership Conference coming soon

Others

- Kathy K-O – Juvenile Justice system involvement and being sure that students in the Juvenile Justice system receive the same opportunities as others. KSDE is working to include them in KIAS.

Planning for meeting with the State ICC

- Annual collaborative meeting for birth-8
- Process of finalizing the PD for the State ICC coordinator Supports ICC and the local ICC as well as SEAC. Hope this new staff member will be on board by our November meeting.
- Morning will be dedicated to SEAC business, ICC members will join us at noon for lunch followed by a joint meeting. Pat will work with Matt Connell on the agenda.

Possible agenda items

- LRE anything new or specific
- Joint indicator information on:
 - LRE
 - Outcomes
 - Transition part C to B
- STEM activities at the preschool level – what is developmentally appropriate.
- Update on Kindergarten Readiness
- Social/Emotional behaviors discussion topic-how do we address
- Wendy Webb – Temperature or Tantrums

Next SEAC Meeting

Invitation to advocacy groups

- Before and After School services – behavior support para’s, extended services, financial considerations

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Amy Dejmaj at 1:40 PM and seconded by Deb Young.
Motion passed.

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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.

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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.

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

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

(SEAC)



- 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

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

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 or the organizations email is: 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

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

ESEA/ESSA Updates

Colleen Riley

PowerPoint

- State Consolidated Plan for all title programs will be submitted in September.
- Questions should be submitted to Sandy Guidry sguidry@ksde.org or Tate Toedman 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