



KSD Advisory Board Agenda

Date: May 9, 2017

(NOTE: Meetings will take place quarterly: August, November, February & May)

Per KRS 167.037, this Board is to be composed of nine members appointed by KBE upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education. The purpose of the Board is to act in an advisory capacity to assist school leadership and make recommendations. Membership on the board shall be statewide and shall consist of two (2) parents of deaf children, one (1) professional in education of the deaf, one (1) former student of the Kentucky School for the Deaf, one (1) member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf, two (2) members who shall represent school districts, and two (2) members at large. A majority of the board's membership shall be persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Committee Members:

Clyde Mohan, Chair
Jennifer Harris
Nina Coyer

Debbie Haydon
Chris LeMonds

Bryan Bowen
Michelle Gadberry

Anita Dowd
Tina Yance

AGENDA

Chair

- Welcome-Chair
- Approve previous meeting minutes (November and January)-Chair

Campus Reports based on the 5 Objectives of our KSD Strategic Plan

1. Students and Staff Safety
 - a. Walter T. Hulett (Will Begley filling in)
 - i. New Elementary School Discussion
 - ii. Renovations
 - b. Will Begley
2. New Skills For Youth Grant Cohort I
 - i. New Skills for Work Grant
 - ii. Dorm Vacancies
 1. 8 Student Life/House Parent

Other Vacancies: Interpreter
PBIS Coordinator
Maintenance Worker
Systems Tech Special

3. Instruction
 - a. Ramona Karsner
 - i. Teacher Vacancies
 1. HS English – should begin interviews next week.
 2. Instructional Assistant – is at KDE right now.
 - ii. 1 to 1 Initiative
 1. Continuing – should be full implementation in August 2017.
 - iii. Enrollment to date
 1. Pre-school- 6
 2. Elementary- 24
 3. Middle School- 25
 4. High School- 50

Total 105
 - iv. Date to remember:
 1. KPREP testing is going on for next week and a half
 2. Graduation May 25, 2:00
 3. Awards Day – May 25th 8:30 Elementary, 10:30 Middle School, and HS will be a luncheon at 12:00 in Grow Hall.
 4. School Wide Picnic – May 23rd; 5:00-8:00 pm
 5. Art Gallery is May 12th from 11:00 to 12:30
 6. FFA Block Party will be May 11th beginning at 4:30.
 7. Freshman Flea Market – May 22nd
 8. Prom May 13th – will be at Jacobs Hall
 9. Family Learning Vacation – June 2-4 - please let families know to sign up for this as soon as possible.
 10. Summer School – June 12-23
 11. Ag Camp – June 12-23
 - v. Good News!

1. First student to pass the KOSSA test
2. Top Ten finish for our STLP program
3. Several top place finishes in the Ag Field Day competition.
4. Abriana's Art work to hang in DC in Congressman Guthrie's office.

4. Mental Health

a. Melissa Cantrell

- i. Eval team tested 63 students (38 KSD and 25 district).
- ii. Approximately 50% of our new students were tested by the eval team and the team worked with the school districts, before the students enrolled
- iii. I did a training with parents at the "Fall Gathering" in Hazard about communication breakdowns with deaf children...and I will do this again at FLV
- iv. Our evaluation team worked on the IDEA "IEP committee" to work on improving compliance
- v. SLPs (Dana and I) attended the SPICE (auditory training curriculum) training sponsored by KSD and CKEC, and got the SPICE program in order to provide better services to students with cochlear implants
- vi. We (Mica and I) represented KSD at the "Parent Resource Night" hosted by Fayette County Public Schools and Lexington Hearing and Speech, and provided resources to families
- vii. We (KSD) represented KSD at the state fair in August
- viii. Hired a new school psychologist – Stevy Brewer
- ix. Most students have services set up for the summer; Angi has been working on that
- x. Angi has done several home visits this year to help families set up services, supports and resources
- xi. Made a lot of improvements this year and excited for continual growth for the team

b. Interpreters

- i. New interpreter supervisor hired – Dawn Calbert
- ii. New interpreter – Cheyenne Jennings
- iii. Another interpreter open
- iv. Working on procedures and protocols this summer
- v. Will be surveying teachers to close out the year

c. AWARE:

- i. AWARE Coordinator hired – Dwayne Powell
- ii. Money is finally on campus and we have spent some
- iii. Some money has gone to interpreters for therapists
- iv. Mental Health day was a hit

5. Organizational Culture

a. Will Begley

- i. Staff/Family Picnic May 23 at 5:00.
- ii. Staff Recognitions – Byron Wilson named in the Top 10 National Sorenson Teacher of the Year nominees.

Chair

- Goals, Objectives, & Recommendations-Advisory Board
- Public Comment
- Set next Advisory Meeting date
 - a. August 2017; 6:00pm

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Present: Debbie, Will, Bryan, Michelle, Anita, Tina, Nina

Question about one to one devices. Reported that devices would be sent out by February, but that was not done. This will be addressed today.

Minutes from January approved.

Campus Reports

1. Student and Staff Safety

a. Renovation: recently met with commissioner.

- i. Pool was opened.
- ii. Grow gas line fixed.
- iii. Stem line project should be done by May 1
- iv. Argo project: waiting on architect. Phase III of project. Ag area will be ADA accessible.
- v. Grow Hall grease trap: in the hands of engineers.
- vi. Master project: 3 phase electric project. Will also bring additional service to new elementary.
- vii. Will be doing a roof study soon.
- viii. Camera lighting and security project. Messaging and lighting will be in 2-3 phases. Cameras and lighting will be first.

- b. New Elementary
 - i. On a time crunch for specs for new school.
 - ii. Board was shown the layout for the new elementary
 - iii. Will be open to school January 2019
2. New skills for grant co-hort
- i. 5 local schools working together. Applied for a grant for project. A study has been done on what skills students are lacking in this area. The focus is on manufacturing/engineering and health. KSD will be one of the 3 hubs. Each hub will have different options. Grant has been submitted to the commissioner. Waiting on his approval.
 - b. Dorm vacancies
 - i. Still a struggle to keep staff. Able to promote a few, but those leave a vacancy.
 - 1. Other vacancies: interpreter, PBIS Coordinator, Maintenance Worker, Systems Tech Special
3. Instruction
- a. Two vacancies: HS English, instructional assistant
 - b. One to one initiative: continuing to work through tech issues. Unable to disperse laptops without being able to monitor what's happening on the computers.
 - c. Enrollment: 105
 - i. Preschool – 6
 - ii. ES – 24
 - iii. MS – 25
 - iv. HS – 50
 - d. Many dates were shared for the ending of the year.
 - e. First student to pass KOSSA test
 - f. Top ten finish for STLP program
 - g. Several top finishes at Ag competition
 - h. Abriana's art work won and now in D.C.
4. Mental Health
- a. Aware program – working closely with KDE, grant is also helping pay for interpreters for counseling, Mental Health Awareness Day.
 - b. Evaluation team – tested 25 district students 50% of new students came from the evaluations on campus.
 - c. SLP's attended Spice Training
 - d. Outreach and Jerri Lafavers helped presented Parent Resource Night
 - e. School psych position filled – new with ASL background some experience.
 - f. Social Worker service has been amazing and support provided to the students and families.
 - g. Interpreter Supervisor – Dawn Calbert, new interpreter – Cheyenne Jennings – new position posted this week. Should be fully staffed first time in a little while
5. Organization Culture
- a. Will
6. Public Comments
- a. Can we compete in the deaf culinary competition next year? Ramona explained that Mandy was already looking at it.
 - b. Questions about the new position: explained that a national search will be done. The final decision is the commissioners. Questions about how to send out the job opening to deaf organizations. Board agreed to send an email to KDE about the process of hiring a new principal. Board also wants to recommend that the opening be sent out nationwide, specifically the national agencies and universities.
 - c. Comment about moving the school to Lexington. Due to more opportunities and more attractive to potential teachers and principals.

Next Advisory Board meeting: August 15, 2017