

Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Meeting

December 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Walter "T" Hulett, Jennifer Harris, Clyde Mohan, Michelle Gadberry, Bryan Bowen, Tina Yance, Sharon White, Mike Lafavers, Debbie Haydon and Anita Dowd

The meeting began at approximately 6:05 pm with a review of the previous minutes. Minutes were approved with a slight change to November minutes. Minutes will be revised by M. Gadberry to reflect that KDE serves as the "central office" for KSD.

Discussion regarding letter to Kentucky Board of Education outlining Advisory Board Priorities:

Clyde Mohan asked if anyone has been able to work on a draft of a letter. It was reported that no one had been able to work on this between meetings. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling a "work session" to draft a letter. T Hulett reminded everyone that this would still be an open meeting. It was also noted that the Board meets in February and again in April. Tina Yance made a motion to schedule a work session in January, seconded by Sharon White. All were in favor.

Development of Schedule of Meetings:

After much discussion, the following schedule was agreed upon:

January 6, 2016	Work Session
February 10, 2016	Board Meeting
March 23, 2016	Work Session
April 13, 2016	Board Meeting
May 11, 2016	Work Session
June 8, 2016	Board Meeting

KSD Updates:

T. Hulett reported:

- The preschool class will start on January 2, 2016. All KDE approvals have gone through.
- Bids were accepted on the pool; however, the lowest bid was 30,000 more than we had to spend. KDE has approved additional funds to meet the bid.
- Open House will be from 2-3 December 13, 2015 at Jacobs Hall
- Gallaudet Banquet Dec 10th – Dean will be here

Clarification questions were asked. Regarding the preschool class, it was noted that they expect up to five students and Tina Yance will be the teacher. With regard to the pool, T Hulett clarified that the bids

were higher than expected and that there is no extra money for equipment and maintenance. He stated further that they are working to team up with other schools and Parks & Rec to provide funding for this.

W. Begley reported:

- Boyle County, Danville and Burgin were invited to be part of the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Exchange program. Danville and Burgin are currently participating and meet with KSD last week for student presentations and discussion regarding next year.
- Burgin Independent has received an energy and power pathway grant that KSD students can participate in.

Discussion ensues regarding whether there are equal opportunities for our deaf students as for hearing students. Begley and Hulett note that this program provides an opportunity for students to complete pathways and gain industry certifications. Hulett reported that the chance for our students to take classes off campus has to be weighed with individual needs and the need to keep our students here as much as possible. He stated that there will be a limit in how many students from outside districts are allowed to take classes at KSD. Anita Dowd noted that she does not believe that parents have a good understanding of this program. She has heard concern that there are a majority of hearing students in the classes on KSD campus. Hulett reported that four months into the program we have tried to communicate as much information to parents as possible. Eventually we hope to offer opportunities at KSD for deaf students that they cannot get at other places. He stated that the administration is working diligently to increase ASL on campus and encourage more parents of deaf students to send their children to KSD. We have to do what our parents want, Mr. Hulett stated, and we are doing this building opportunities. Jennifer Harris suggested that we look at other schools for ideas about CCR and how they are doing this.

Wilton's presentation on the Birth-age 3 program was postponed to next official meeting.

Open Chair:

Question was asked regarding money that was supposed to come to KSD from an estate. T. Hulett noted that they are continuing to look into it. Question was also asked about the dorms and maintaining a safe, clean facility. Ideas were shared to help with this.

Agenda for next meeting:

Birth – Three Program

Review of draft policy letter for KSB

Meeting adjourned at 7:29. Respectfully submitted by Michelle Gadberry.

