



KSD Advisory Board Minutes

Date: February 20, 2018

Advisory Meetings occur on a quarterly basis: August, November, February and 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 In Attendance

Clyde Mohan, Chair	Debbie Haydon	Bryan Bowen
Anita Dowd	Jennifer Harris	Michelle Gadberry
		Tina Yance

Chair

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve November minutes
 - a. Two deletions were made to the minutes; blank spots and a grammar mistake was corrected. Revisions were voted and accepted.

Toyah

- C. New Elementary
 - a. Tentatively have ground breaking for Mar 13 at 10:30AM. Working on a media release. Original opening date was Jan 2019, currently set at Nov 2018. A fence is currently up to protect students/staff. There is a construction meeting every 2 weeks.
- D. Capital Projects Update
 - a. Last phase of Argo. Meeting coming up on lighting. Recently did a walk on campus when it was dark, so engineers were able to see big patches of where no lighting. If budget approved, parts of Brady will get some updates. Looking at heating and air. This will potentially start June 2018, hopefully working around all KSD summer activities.

Instructional Update (Toyah)

- E. Culinary Program, Mandy Byrne (absent)

- a. At Christmas, the culinary team was invited to cater the Christmas dinner for KBE. Currently getting requests for more catering.
- b. They are one of seven deaf schools going to California to compete in the Deaf Culinary Competitions. KSD, in collaboration with KDE, came up with the funds to send 5 students and 2 adults.

Director of Technology (Toyah)

F. Website Update

- a. Currently still working on updating it. There is a website committee. New software has been ordered. New pages updated.

G. Technology Update

- a. Live streaming has been set up for games and events. Have also done live streaming for PD events for 2nd/3rd shift staff. These are also being saved for any incoming staff.

Principal (Toyah)

H. Introduction of New Staff and Posted Positions

- a. Introduced all; those in attendance: Miranda Beach, Shannon McCord, Stevy Brewer, Cheyenne Jennings, James Overing, Deion Bangudi, Shelby Champlin, Shelby Davis, Rick Westerfield,
 - i. New Remind 101 put in place for all bus drivers and monitors; also 12 have been attending community sign class
 - ii. First time in years 2nd shift student life has been filled

I. Safety Survey and Training with Staff

- a. Result of center of school safety staff (will do trainings later in the year) doing a quick walk through; the following were some areas of concern:
 - i. Locked doors; some work schedules have been amended to help monitor
 - ii. Wearing IDs
 - iii. More practicing with drills. During typical times, but also during inconvenient times.
 - iv. Put a campus alert system in place through Remind 101 with staff; for closing school and other emergencies.
 - v. Discussing alerts on campus that will alert students if outside of a building. Example used was blue lights on UK's campus.
 - vi. Continuing to look at school safety plan and refine as needed.
 - vii. Tags are being ordered for staff vehicles
 - viii. Lights lights do light up if/when pushed for specific situations. May not include older buildings. Brady, Argo, Grow, and Middleton. Will check on Thomas.

J. Colonel Walk-Through

- a. Have been canceled a few times due to weather and other events. Rescheduled for Feb.26th.
 - b. Toyah presented a tool that will be used when walking through classrooms. Aligned to standards, looking rigor, done a training on higher order of thinking. Also includes modes of communication and teacher interactions, as well as strengths. There is then a reflection piece for the teachers to return later. Will provide opportunities to coach teachers.
- K. Staff Perception Survey
 - a. Last year was a Tell Survey year. Teachers/staff were asked questions about specific teaching, learning and leadership. This semester another, comparable survey was sent out to get some comparison.
- L. Review of Strategic Plan
 - a. Twice (Nov & Feb) this year the large group have gathered to look at goals, measurement and consumers/customers. Asking liaisons to reflect on their goals and how that was going to be measured. Continuous opportunities to improvements.
- M. Outreach Update (Tony)
 - a. Upcoming Events – 8 planned throughout the state; goal is to have more consistency and an overall target. This year the consultants worked on them as a team. The name is now ACES. Targeting Expanded Core Skills. Involves parent sessions and targeting transition components.
 - b. Outreach also did a survey for D/HH teachers (results included in handout to board); seem to be getting a lot of positive feedback.
 - c. Outreach encourages families/students to tour KSD. Most families are unsure of the residential setting. Therefore, the more comfortable with campus, the more likely they are to send their children to KSD. This tours often include lunch and other positive interactions with students at KSD. Recently 2 families from E. KY. Which is new.
 - d. KSD continues to offer and provide campus tours to schools and families.
 - e. There are some concerns across the state with placement issues.
 - f. Encouraging districts who do not have a D/HH teacher, but have HI students, to be required to have KSD's Outreach to participate in some of those meetings to help with the decisions.
- N. Summer Programs and Events
 - a. FLV/Summer School/Ag Camp, no dates yet; partially due to snow days
- O. Make up days
 - a. Several options; one is to extend the school day M-Th by 20 min and then Fridays by an hour. When the calendar has been finalized, the amended calendar will be put back up on the website.
 - b. March 16 and April 16 have been designated as make up days

P. Principal SLPI rating

- a. Board was provided a copy of Toyah's SLPI results; her official rating was Novice; she plans on providing the board with her rating, yearly. Shared that she becomes frustrated when not able to communicate with students.

Q. Celebrations

- a. 10 seniors this year; some have been accepted to their university of choice
- b. Have seen growth with the ACT
- c. MAP growth has been seen; teachers are being asked to analyze scores with 5 questions. Predictor of KPREP, but old data by the time we look at it.
- d. Students have been recognized for MAP efforts with celebrations – bowling, Kids Place and PJ party with hot chocolate.
- e. Mental Health team has put processes in place that are supporting our students in a very unique way. People are working hard and doing a good job.

R. Visitors to campus

- a. All visitors will go to Brady and other buildings will be called that they are coming over.

S. Update on hires –

- a. SLPI coordinator has been concluded and in the final stages, hoping for March/April start date
- b. ES teacher will be interviewed within the next two weeks
- c. Athletic Director – Billy Lange will be returning March 1. Will complete this year and then will post later.
- d. Currently putting a request to take track team to California for the Berg Seeger; coaches have been asked to cut numbers of students able to go.

Chair

Nominations

Time to elect new board members. Two have turned in their resignation (Michelle Gadberry and Debbie Haydon). To be on the KBE April agenda, nominations must be to KDE by March. The commissioner would review and hand off to KBE. Currently Commissioner Pruitt's office has a form that needs to be filled out and turned in. The replacements will be tough. The replacement for Nina Coyer was submitted, but the official approval has not been received. Five or more members must be deaf/hard of hearing. Typically, KBE doesn't deny, but they do have the ability to deny. Not sure how we will advertise to other schools. May reach out to DoSEs or principals. This will also be posted on the webpage. Nominations are due by March 8th. Debbie has someone in mind for her spot.

Board discussed attendance requirements for meetings. Toyah and Clyde were going to look at rules.

T. Public Comment

Question: Are we able to do drills at night for dorm staff and students?

Answer: Toyah stated she'd recently contacted the local emergency responders to come at odd hours too.

Question: Jason Smith – KSDAA President; how can we promote KSD and what it is? KSD needs to showcase what it is.

Comments: possibly a virtual tour

Question: Carolyn G. – shocked because not expecting 2 members to step down. Wanted to thank them for their guidance, support and service.

U. Next Advisory Meeting Date:

- a. **May 8th 6PM at Kerr**