



KSD Advisory Board Minutes

Date: May 15, 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.

In Attendance

Clyde Mohan, Chair

Michelle Gadberry

Bryan Bowen

Jennifer Harris

Tina Yance

Chair

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve February minutes – **All approved**

***Interim Commissioner Lewis will be visiting KSD on May 21st**

T Hulett

- C. New Elementary
 - a. Construction is underway. On schedule within a couple of days, which were given due to weather. Set to be complete in December 2018.
 - b. Project is on budget.
 - c. Foundations footers are in place, with exception of back that has been left open to help mover materials.
 - d. First of June set to put in front trusses.
 - e. Wells for geothermal heat and air will begin soon.
 - f. Upon entrance to new elementary, there will be some art that will “tell the story of KSD.”
 - g. Tables in lunch room will have pictures on them to also show KSD’s story and future.
 - h. No current access to sight but can see progress from afar. Mr. T is in daily communication with the construction workers and superintendent.
- D. Capital Projects Update
 - a. Project within in Argo (approximately 99% complete):
 - i. New lighting
 - ii. New technology

- iii. New kiln
 - iv. New wiring
 - v. New water line shut offs
 - vi. New chicken coop; Ag department able to sell eggs
 - vii. Will have a new green house
 - viii. \$1 million dollars has just been spent on electrical needs like: underground wiring to prevent transformers from blowing. Should last 30-40 years before replacing again. Another part of this is the old mechanical building, Jacobs and Walker. They will be on their own separate meter, which will help protect land around Jacobs. This is in collaboration with KU.
- b. Also working on other projects, lighting is one to increase safety on campus. New lighting could run \$425,000
 - c. In the newest budget, KSD was not given extra money for operations. Previously, KSD had been given extra monies. Some of the money KSD splits with KSB.
 - d. Working with KDE and energy management in Frankfort. Specifically focusing on heating and air systems in different buildings. Currently, an energy audit will be done on campus to determine where KSD is saving money and where KSD is losing money. This will determine how efficient buildings are. Then changing heating and air systems out. Campus spends \$300,000 on electric and water bills, yearly.

Question: Walker, Barbie, Beachum, Fosdick; what's their future? Will they be used?

Answer: Walker is the only one possibly being considered for surplus. They are here if someone wants to use, but no specific plans.

Question: Sidewalks are very small and tight and therefore difficult for deaf to communicate, but if the new ones could be wider, it would be helpful.

Answer: All plans, even sidewalks had to pass ADA.

Question: More explanation on the geothermal system.

Answer: Mr. T gave an explanation. It is a heating and cooling water exchange. More efficient.

Question: Will/when KSD have a new auditorium?

Answer: Auditorium was in the plan 2 years ago. It was part of the original \$30 million (this was split with KSD/KSB, but the full \$30 million was not received, only the normal \$675,000).

However, it was not enough, but hasn't left the radar. There is power running to the potential site, but it will have to wait.

Question: Can you replace the air conditioning in the gym?

Answer: Part of the overall plan includes air conditioning, but it will be later.

Toyah Robey

A. Summer Programs and Events

- a. FLV – June 1-3
 - i. Students will be building blueberries; a computer the size of a credit card
- b. Summer School/Ag Camp – June 10-22
- c. NEW Gen Cyber Camp – July 22-27
 - i. Run by the University of Alabama. 1 of 3 in the nation; Kentucky invited to participate. First in the state. It is for all high school D/HH students in the state. Kentucky students will be chosen first. It is a federal grant, that supports 12 states. The entire camp is paid for. Camp is all about science and technology. Forty kids on computers doing coding. Another event may be at the horse park or Legends game. All staff will be sent for dorms, technology...etc. Also bringing their own equipment. Depending on federal money, it may or may not return. Already using the resource, staff and students went to Alabama for an event. More about the event is on the KSD website.
 - ii. As a result KSD will add 2 robotics classes; 1 in MS and 1 in HS
- d. Question about the Mini Deaf Olympics being held back in Kentucky; something to keep in mind.

B. Budget

- a. Historically KSD has been held harmless with the budget. Typically, and short falls the department covered the costs. Through last budget the department was asked to cut \$50 million. KSB/KSD will absorb some of those cuts. In December, budget for KSD went in the hole \$600,000. It was for different reasons: temporary hires in the dorm, retirement pay outs and increasing interpreting costs. Currently still in the hole, \$300,000 in the hole.
- b. KDE gives KSD:
 - i. \$10 million
 - ii. \$9 million is in personnel
 - iii. Toyah provided a graphic and trend line of historical costs
- c. Going forward will need to prioritize
- d. Reviewing which positions are not being utilized
- e. No pink slips given out
- f. May need to reconsider stipends going forward

C. Staffing

- a. 13 positions open; principal and KDE admin will determine what won't be refilled
- b. Several Retirements
- c. Several dorm positions
- d. Athletic position not refilled
- e. Safety officer became classroom aide

- f. 2 positions through AWARE grant for the next year only
- g. Chief Academic Officer not replaced; will be difficult with next year being the first year of accountability
 - i. First week of June admin will be reviewing duties and roles
- h. 18A positions are currently under a freeze

Question: Who is McCrary?

Answer: Food service split between both schools.

Statement: concerned that personnel costs have always gone up and cut into operating costs.

Response: JCPS will not be receiving a raise this year.

Question: Are interpreting costs both staff and contract?

Answer: Both, for example testing took all staff interpreters and some contract. Also, if a student enters without language, they may need interpreters. Some students will also need interpreters for mainstreaming.

DRAFT Calendar 18/19

- D. Not yet approved by KDE
- E. Delaying preschool start by 2 weeks and ending 2 weeks early. Must follow ECERS and reach a specific rating. Goal is to be a 5-star rating. All preschool materials will be purchased new.
- F. KSB has asked for a copy of KSD to try to align

Staff Showcase

- G. Kelsey Grievson – (currently on senior trip); new teacher. New idea of starting an international study club to expose students to new cultures and get them engaged. Specifically focusing on art and food and collaborating with Culinary and Art teachers. This would include a trip to Costa Rica in the spring of 2019. Parents will also be responsible along with some fundraising. Reaching out to other deaf schools, as well as local schools, to see if they want to participate in monthly meetings.

Instruction - Brogle

- H. Assessment
 - a. 31 students participated in KOSSA testing in March; 3 areas: culinary, animal science and manufacturing. Had several KSD students pass this year.
 - b. 8 juniors took ACT; scores not returned
 - c. 2 seniors take ACT and improved overall score and submitted to college of choice

- d. 1 student will be attending EKU, another will be attending a school in Texas
 - e. Currently students are in the process of completing KPREP testing, 3rd – 11th
 - f. NEW TCT – science teachers collecting samples from all grade levels and then submitted to KDE
 - g. MAP data – K-11th take MAP 3 times a year (fall, midyear and April). Growth in all areas this year, except 2nd grade reading.
- I. Safety
- a. Committee meets through the year. All safety drills, except May, have been completed.
 - b. This year REMIND 101 has been set up for staff
 - c. New visitor check in iPad in Argo, Brady and Kerr. Able to see who is on campus at all times
 - d. Safety Audit coming for KCSS on May 17. Recently completed a safety survey with staff. KCSS has also done some situation awareness training.
 - e. An invitation has been sent to emergency personnel of Danville for May 31, to share lunch and learn campus.
- J. End of Year Surveys will be given to students, parents and LEAs.

SLPI Coordinator - Billy Gulley

- K. Status
- a. Started in April. Graduated in 1995. First week was a little bit of a struggle with technology. Finally set the 2nd week.
 - b. Shared a video on campus and social media about position
 - c. Working with staff to train on program; after that working on changing to fit vision
 - d. Typed 23 reports that were back logged. Most were off campus. Most are now caught up.
 - e. 32 students completed since started; goal is to finish by the end of the year. Possibly 20 left.
 - f. Vision for SLPI going forward. Developing SLP handbook to state procedures. Making contacts with other states who have been using it.
 - g. Have a database system set up. This summer plan on setting up a better system that is more organized and will help with budget, planning and scores in one place. Will also try to set up a website for SLPI with all the information about SLPI program: setting up interviews, completing an application, and more technology advanced.
 - h. North Carolina has remote SLPI interviews. Would like to try to get that set up and increase funds.
 - i. Still brainstorming how to increase more funds through the program.

- j. Assisted with KPREP, ASL proficiency committee, interpreter team meeting weekly, helping staff meet the required skill levels and set up ways for teachers to teach without interpreters in their classes and improve their skills. Getting to know students better and gives them a chance to get to know the SLPI coordinator.
- k. ASL Immersion, July 16-18; will continue to encourage staff to attend via ECU
- L. SPLI Training
 - a. May average 50-70 interviews yearly. Therefore, planning for summer SPLI training to increase raters and interviewers. Thanks to ECU to help with the cost of training. Adding 3 new raters.

Special Education- Melissa Cantrell

M. CEASD

- a. Info brought back:
 - i. Rebranding; FSDB presented on it. Started with social media.
 - ii. PD ideas, shared with KSD PD committee
 - iii. RIT math competition for MS/HS
 - iv. Fast Forward Project – 27 schools; regarding dual credit
 - v. RIT piloting virtual tutoring
- b. FSDB visit
 - i. Neat to see them doing 3 of the CTE programs that we have. Already connected KSD teachers to theirs for possible collaboration.

N. Enrollment

- a. Total – 98
- b. Graduating – 9
- c. New – officially 1 ARC'd in, 3 other ARCs planned, more have contacted but meetings aren't set up yet.

O. Mental Health

- a. AWARE
 - i. New feathers in front of Kerr; hoping to purchase more
 - ii. Mental Health day is Monday
 - iii. Counselors have used 2 programs with ES and MS students this year from grant
 - iv. 30+ students have received services via the AWARE funds; interpreters and therapists

Outreach- Tony Peavler

P. ACES

- a. 14 student events this year
- b. 8 ACES events

- i. Comments from ACES: (Campus admin attend at least one event)
 - 1. "I've never been with this many kids like me."
 - 2. Two students from the same area had never met, both deaf, became instant friends
 - 3. 490 students impacted, ___ teachers, ___ volunteers
- Q. Current Stats for 2017-2018
 - a. 14 Student Events
 - b. 4 regional spelling bees
 - c. 1 state bee
 - d. 1 learning fair
 - e. 8 ACES
 - i. 493 students
 - ii. 74 parents
 - iii. 44 volunteers
- R. Professional Development Trainings
 - a. 20
 - b. 705 School Staff Supported
 - c. 327 Family Members Supported
- S. Organized Deaf Education Interview Day at ECU
 - a. This was designed to connect deaf ed teacher candidates and interpreter candidates
- T. Upcoming
 - a. Planning Foundations for Literacy curriculum training for DHH teachers statewide.
 - b. Planning SKY-HI training for B-3 DHH service providers statewide.

Chair

- U. Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations of Advisory Board
 - a. Try to include meeting schedule on social media to help with attendance and awareness of activities
 - b. Replace several members that are coming off the Advisory Board
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Would like to see KSD participate in a program called, Close Up. At the end of the year students do a trip to Washington, DC. Close up still exists through CEC.
 - b. Echo-Bridge program – previously KSD had and went to Russia
 - c. KSDAA president commented on some comments by a parent on social meida that were negative. Would prefer that KSD principal handle.
- W. Next Advisory Meeting Date:

- a. August 21 or 22 – TBD

Comments from M. Gadberry: Thanks for putting up with me. Thanks for helping our students. Hands Alive taught me a lot about D/HH. This is a great environment for our kids and I'm proud to say I have several kids here.