



# KSD Advisory Board Minutes

Date: September 4, 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
- Bryan Bowen
- Anita Dowd
- Bridgette Mann
- Dodie Karr

## Chair

### A. Welcome

- i. Chris and Tina were not in attendance

### B. Introduction of New Members

#### i. New board member

1. Bridgette Mann from Clark Co. DoSE; replacing Michelle Gadberry
2. Dodie Karr representing KAD
3. Still have 2 positions open to fill; Higher ed. and Alumni are vacant positions; Clyde was not sure of it and the KSDAA hasn't shown up.
4. Chair explained the process of getting and approving new member. Toyah stated that the openings are going up on the KSD website and hopes it can make the Oct. window.

### C. Approve May Minutes

- i. Amendment pg. 4; Carrie McCrary is the Dir. of Food Services at KSD/KSB
- ii. Amendment pg. 3; Students will build Raspberry Pis
- iii. Bryan moved to accept with corrections; all in favor

## **T Hulett, not in attendance. Toyah filled in**

### D. New Elementary

- i. On schedule with only a little rain. Plan is to move in Jan. 2019
- ii. Carpet (now tile), fixtures and other things have been chosen. Carpet was discussed vs. tile, but the tile getting is more expensive and absorbs noise. Each room has an accent color. Set up of desks are in a half moon shape.
- iii. Question about name of building and who is making the decisions.
  1. Answer - commissioner had the final say. They are working on celebration and announcement. Unknown if it will be during the opening of the building and/or at another event on campus.

- iv. Question, so commissioner himself made the decision?
  - 1. Answer - Dr. Pruitt passed on to Dr. Lewis, who was given history of the name. Names were sent up from a group of individuals to Dr. Lewis who then decided.
- v. Question - concern that the naming of the new building wasn't brought to the Adv. Bd.
  - 1. Answer - 3 names were chosen by a committee to Dr. Lewis

E. Capital Projects Update

- i. In final stage of Argo. Getting a full greenhouse ad heating system.
- ii. Still meeting with architects on lighting.
- iii. Emergency lighting will be a separate part of that for \$100,000 that wasn't in the original plan.

**Toyah Robey**

A. Staffing

- i. New staff started today 9/4/18
  - 1. Emily Sandburg - aide
  - 2. Jennifer Brewer - social worker
- ii. Interviews coming up for dorm staff tomorrow 9/5/18
  - 1. Independent living for dorm
- iii. Cook position posted
- iv. School Safety Officer is going to be posted as 18A with a focus across campus if approved by KDE
- v. Elementary Teacher position posted; interviewing next week; hoping for the previous student teachers from ECU are applying. Hoping to post for a shorter amount of time to hire quickly. Public noted a concern for only posting for 5 days because it will be more difficult for deaf to be aware of posting and be able to apply. Toyah explained the sense of urgency is due to class size. Position being shared on KSD webpage and KEPS.

B. GenCyber Camp Partnership

- i. KSD established a partnership with NTID, who has money for the sciences. Our region has 9 schools, housed out of Alabama. They are coming back to KSD in Oct or Nov to train on ACTs.
- ii. NTID was the reason Cyber Camp came to KSD. Activities included: looking for metal with a piece of equipment, they made small robots, learned about cyber security. Alabama brought their own staff to help with dorms and instruction.
- iii. Also took kids to competition in Alabama
- iv. Paying for 10 staff to attend SERID in Oct. Toyah is presenting with 2 trainers (Lynn Dunn & Harry Wood)
- v. KSD has started a robotics rotation in MS to generate an interest for HS. Robotics has also begun in Jay Clouds class where he also has drones to work with.

C. Professional Learning Updates

- i. Thanks to feedback from staff, especially Karen Schulz, K. Diperri provided PD to teachers on their first day back for the school year. K. Diperri will be doing follow up trainings for all staff online for 2 hours.
  - ii. There has been trainings on bullying and growth mindset
    - 1. Toyah explained that some staff have said that our students “can’t” and that bothers her. So she is working with staff on growth mindset. Genise and Chanda provided training to staff.
  - iii. Instructional Strategies by Kimmie and Todd
  - iv. Google training for levels 1 and 2
  - v. Training on PDSA (Plan Do Study Act) - to discuss setting and communicating clear directions in classrooms.
- D. Enrollment
- i. 98 as of today, was at 105, but some students moved at the beginning of the year.
- E. KDE Update
- i. Linda Funke left KDE for another position. Kevin Stull has joined the KSD/KSB team. He has been at the department for a while. Previously a principal in Garrard Co. Previously under Amanda Ellis as a policy advisor and right hand. Headed up the P-3 program. Working to remove barriers for KSD. Helping to remove red tape.
    - 1. Question - What are chances Dr. Lewis will become full commissioner?
      - a. Answer - many org changes. one of which said KSD/KSB were abolished, but had never been ratified. Many moves are taking place and more to come but nothing is official. There is a meeting weekly on KSD/KSB with the commissioner.
    - 2. Question - Where exactly did the students go to that are no longer with us?
      - a. Answer - some went out of state, went back to LEA...etc.
  - ii. Toyah shared that Deaf Festival was an event that KSD should have been a part of. Hopes KSD is a part of it in 2 years. Stated it would be cool to have a long weekend on the weekend of Deaf Festival and take a bus load of students.
    - 1. Follow up from chair - KSD could be partnering with other organizations to be more involved.

## **Jarod Mills**

- F. Technology Updates
- i. Current projects
    - 1. Servers have been approved and waiting on equipment to arrive. Will work with Pomeroy to install. Should be no loss of service.
    - 2. Getting Message Net back to working, but not using the same displays. But we will be able to send emergency messages to any computer on the KSd network.
    - 3. Have 4 new smart boards for the ES. Working on a fifth. No smart boards will be moved to new building. All teachers will also get new smart boards. Old smart boards will be moved to dorm.

- ii. Future plans
  - 1. Multiple comments on the door bell up front because it is not deaf friendly. Looking to add iPads to those areas so the person can be seen via iPad.
  - 2. Heuser Hearing Institute in Louisville has offered to donate a smart table; it will either go to the new ES or the Library. Thanks to Hands and Voices and LeadK.
    - a. Question - how many states have passed LeadK?
      - i. Answer - most have or are working on it. The hope is that KY is getting it ready for review in January. The LeadK website has the names of the states that have passed.
- iii. Question - Updating technology in student life? Several computers in the dorm are broken and/or not working.
  - 1. Jaord stated he'd look into it. He doesn't know of any tech tickets.

**Lisa Kingsley, not in attendance. Toyah filled in**

- G. ASL Classes K-12
  - i. Offering ASL classes K-12 for any students who need it. Students can come and go as their needs change.
- H. Athletics Update
  - i. Spike-Out went well last weekend. Next weekend have 5 teams coming.
  - ii. Also have a soccer tournament on campus; expect 100 students on campus
  - iii. need to fill assistant basketball coach for girls
  - iv. Need to fill track coach
  - v. Need to fill grill manager
  - vi. Pool has been leased out daily from 2:00-5:30; same coach is managing the chemicals for the pool. Tommy and his staff are also getting the training on checking the chemicals for back up.

**Chair**

- A. Public Comment
  - i. Question - orange cones in the front of campus? Answer - part of focus on safety on campus. A deterrent to cars speeding through campus. On wishlist is to have a bigger more permanent deterrent.
  - ii. Question - is the international class and trip still happening? Answer - still waiting on approval.
  - iii. Question - Ky School for the Deaf Foundation - wondering about the status of the WHAS grant and what was submitted? Answer - KSD asked for \$120,000. WHAS fell short of their goals. Therefore, KSD got no money from WHAS.
    - 1. Have to do RFP to employ staff for ASL tutoring.
  - iv. Question - KSD's 200th birthday on the next agenda. Answer - Rhonda also has a team working on 200th celebration.
  - v. Comments - shared about Sandra Frank recently was hired to be part of a film with Marlee Matlin. KSD should contact her to be part of the 200th celebration.

B. Next Advisory Meeting Dates:

- i. November 14th
- ii. February 12th
- iii. May 7th