

Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Meeting

April 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

Members Not Present: Sharon White

The meeting began at approximately 6:06 pm with a review of the previous minutes. Minutes were approved with a name correction. Minutes will be revised by M. Gadberry to reflect the correct spelling of W. McMillan's name.

Old Business/KSD Updates:

T. Hulett gave updates on the pool, maintenance issues, and the status of the new elementary school. As of this time the state budget has not been approved, thus the new elementary school is at a standstill.

Will Begley reported that several new jobs have been posted and that they have sent information to colleges to try to recruit deaf applicants.

Clyde Mohan reported that he and Will Begley will be working on 30-60-90 day goals for the new school year for KSD and will share with the Advisory Board when available. Will also reported that student from KSD attended the State Board Meeting recently and sang. It was also noted that Archie Harris and Barbie Harris recently presented on KSD to the KDE Division of Learning Services.

Members of the board shared additional information regarding recruiting staff.

Clyde Mohan reported that he recently presented to the KY Association of the Deaf regarding the Advisory Board. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of maintaining the minutes for history. After some discussion regarding methods to archive our minutes, Clyde and T. Hulett agreed to work on this topic.

Sharon White has resigned from the board and moved out of state. A new representative from the KY Association of the Deaf will be sought by KDE. T. Hulett stated that he would forward Sharon's resignation to Commissioner Pruitt.

Clyde Mohan reported that he attended a Town Hall meeting by Commissioner Pruitt and asks if we would like to invite him to a meeting. After much discussion we agreed to try to get on his schedule for August.

Discussion ensued regarding the development of KSD policies and procedures. Although some policies have been submitted to Kevin Brown at KDE they have not been approved. Members of the Board request to review draft policies so we may provide input per our role as the Advisory Board. As a follow-

up to our letter sent to Commission Pruitt regarding the need for a Communication policy, members ask if a written policy is being developed to address communication. Will Begley noted that a policy is not being worked on at this time; however, that each individual child's IEP is being followed.

Questions were asked regarding off-campus classes. Will Begley reported that policy/practice has not changed but decision are made for students individually due to scheduling needs.

Open Chair:

Nina Coyer is the new President of KAD. She shared information about a proposal for a new bill on Language Acquisition Development and a Child's Bill of Rights. Anita Dowd noted that the KY Commission (KCDHH) has an ongoing study group on these topics, as well.

Agenda for next meeting:

Work session May 11, 2016 at 6:00. Agenda topics will be determined by email prior to work session. Next Board Meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Respectfully submitted by Michelle Gadberry.