

PK-12 Accreditation Advisory Council MINUTES
Monday, September 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
DCF Learning Center, Room B
2600 SW East Circle Drive South, Topeka KS 66606

Minutes recorded by: Amanda Noll

Members present:

Cindi Barta	Nick Campagnone	Kenneth Jantz	Karla King	Mandy Rohr
Tammy Bartels	Mary Cooper	Sue Jenkins	Bert Lewis	Idalia Shuman
Nancy Bolz	Michael Ellegood	Brian Jordan	Mary Kay Lindh	Theresa Steinlage
Cathy Brandt	Ann Garvin	Ryan Karjala	Jeannine Pfannenstiel	Brad Weaver

KSDE staff present: Bill Bagshaw, Tammy Mitchell, Scott Myers, Brad Neuenswander, Amanda Noll, Kelly Slaton

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

9:00 a.m.

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - Cindi Barta, Chair; Mandy Rohr, Vice-Chair
 - a. Membership
 - i. Introduce New Members
 - ii. List of Council Membership
Chairwoman Barta asked members to notify Amanda Noll of any corrections needed on the list.
 - b. Approvals
 - i. **Approval of Revised Agenda (AI)**
MOVED: Bert Lewis
SECONDED: Karla King
RESULT: Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. **Approval of Minutes from Monday, June 2, 2014 (AI)**
MOVED: Bert Lewis
SECONDED: Karla King
RESULT: Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Accreditation in Kansas – Review/Background
Chairwoman Barta reviewed the history of accreditation using the following PowerPoint document:
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- d. Recent “Results” Discussions
Brad Neuenswander presented the following Power Point during the meeting:
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- e. Gathering Feedback about KCCR Standards
Brad Neuenswander discussed KCCR and collecting input from Kansans about revisions.
 - i. **With the new system, not everyone will have the same target. It all depends on where you started, where you are, and if you are on target.**
 - ii. **Fewer kids will be proficient only because we have raised the bar.**
 - iii. **KSDE along with KBOR are putting together a PK-12 task force looking for our number one goal.**
 - iv. **Setting goals in high school for remediation.**
 - 1. **How many kids graduate high school needing remediation?**
 - v. **Most affluent districts have 20%-22% of students that need remediation.**
 - vi. **Next week at the State Board meeting Brad will be suggesting we start putting together a link for educators to give us suggestions for standards. He will be asking for input on how to make them better. Each district takes the standards and makes their own curriculum.**
 - 1. **Brian Jordan stated if patrons have questions they need to direct them back to their local district.**
- f. New Year Refresher
 - i. Review Bylaws (revised 2009) – Revisions to be discussed later (Agenda Item II.A. Revision of Bylaws). **Chairwoman Cindi Barta asked all Council members to review the Bylaws and bring any revisions to the December meeting.**
 - a. Purpose of Council
 - b. Duties of Council
 - ii. List of Council Membership – corrections?
Chairwoman Barta asked Council members to review the Council Membership list and report to Amanda Noll if you have any changes or corrections.
 - iii. Notebooks
 - a. Regular Use
 - 1. Bring to All Meetings
 - 2. Refer to Between Meetings
 - b. Contents
 - 1. Council Bylaws
 - 2. Roles and Responsibilities of Council Positions
 - 3. Meeting Dates and Locations
 - 4. Meeting Materials
 - 5. QPA Manual
 - 6. QPA Regulations
 - 7. Other accreditation-related information/materials

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Updates

- i. Teacher Licensure & Accreditation Team – Scott Myers
 - a. Educator Evaluation
 - 1. **No more piloting – we are implemented**
 - 2. **Student Growth Measures are the focus.**
 - 3. **The big message is keep doing what you are doing.**
 - 4. **Idalia Shuman shared everybody has to have their professional goal and commented that this was a surprise to some educators**
 - 5. **Working together for one primary goal. To work together for student learning.**
 - 6. **Brian Jordan shared it seems to be the people that are having issues are from districts that are on a met/not met system.**
 - 7. **Idalia Shuman stated these are all areas we need to continue to strive to improve.**
 - 8. **Educators that don't teach a core subject have angst when the subject that is being assessed is not the subject they teach.**
 - a. **Typically the Central Office makes a certain subject as a growth measure for the whole district.**

- 9. Mandy Rohr shared the system wide growth measure is an issue with privacy. Privacy Law will not allow sharing of information from building to building.
- 10. Scott Myers stated he will share information from our new legal counsel that will help districts with this. The new KSDE GC says that student data may be shared between professional educators who have direct contact with the students and who need the information in order to perform their job responsibilities.
- 11. Scott Myers discussed creating a test bank created by by teachers from across the state using Google Doc. This would allow teachers the ability to interact with other teachers.

- b. Professional Learning
Deferred to the December meeting
- c. Higher Education
Deferred to the December meeting

- ii. "QPA Quality Criteria Collection" Authenticated Application – Kelly Slaton
Kelly will e-mail updates with minutes. (See page 5.)
- iii. "Accreditation System" (Accreditation Repository) Field Test – Kelly Slaton
Kelly will e-mail updates with minutes. (See page 5.)

B. Nomination Action Items from Executive Session

- i. Central Office Staff Representative (AI)
Nominated: Dr. Volora Hanzlicek
MOVED: Cathy Brandt
SECONDED: Karla King
RESULT: Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Special Purpose School Staff Representative (AI)
Nominated: Amanda Martell
MOVED: Bert Lewis
SECONDED: Michael Ellegood
RESULT: Motion passed unanimously.
- iii. **Amanda Noll will notify new council members and those not chosen.**

C. District Level Accreditation

Work for this section was broken out in three sections, Outside Validation Team, Process Formalization, and Results Dashboard. Summaries are attached. Subcommittees need to have their summaries to KSDE by September 26.

- i. **Outside Validation Team – Cindi Barta, Tammy Mitchell, Brad Weaver, Ann Garvin, Idalia Shuman, Nick Compagnone. Below are the notes this sub-committee took during the work session.**
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- ii. **Process Formalization – Mandy Rohr, Karla King, Nancy Bolz, Sue Jenkins, Mary Cooper, Jeannine Pfannenstiel, Bert Lewis, Cathy Brandt, Michael Ellegood, Ryan Karjala. Below are the notes this sub-committee took during the work session.**
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- iii. **Results Dashboard – Kelly Slaton, Theresa Steinlage, Tammy Bartels, Ken Jantz, Brian Jordan, Mary Kay Lindh. Below are the notes this sub-committee took during the work session.**
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Outside Validation motion –Training will be provided for validation team and chair. They would be trained in process and the R's to promote inter-rater reliability.

MOVED: Ann Garvin

SECONDED: Bert Lewis and Brad Weaver

RESULT: Motion Passed

Process Formalization motion – Formal accreditation cycle will be 5 years long.

MOVED: Tammy Bartels

SECONDED: Bert Lewis

RESULT: Motion Passed

Results Dashboard motion –Results dashboard (located at ksde.org) shows all 5 R's and multiple data points for the district and for each school with just a click.

MOVED: Theresa Steinlage

SECONDED: Ann Garvin

RESULT: Motion Passed

D. Accreditation Identity

Deferred discussion to December meeting

E. Communication Plan

Deferred discussion to December meeting

F. October State Board Meeting

Chairwoman Barta requested volunteers to speak at the Kansas State Board of Education meeting on October 14 & 15, 2014. The following members volunteered:

Mandy Rohr

Bert Lewis

Ryan Karjala

Nick Compagnone

Cindi Barta

Nancy Bolz

DISMISSAL 3:00 PM

9-17-2014

TO: Accreditation Advisory Council

FROM: Kelly Slaton, EPC

RE: Accreditation updates for 9-8-2014 Council meeting

QPA Quality Criteria Collection – UPDATE

The QPA Quality Criteria Collection application was closed in June due to technical issues and re-opened in late July. A new completion deadline of August 29 was established, and notification was sent out via the superintendent, principal, and curriculum director list servs. As of 9-17-2014, there are 35 schools (including two specialty schools and three independent schools) that have not yet completed the report. I am in contact with these schools to provide them support in completing the report and have asked that it be completed by September 24.

Accreditation System Field Test – UPDATE

This field test included five school districts varying in size. The purpose of the field test was to confirm the functionality of the application and gather feedback from the test group on improvements in functionality. The feedback indicated the following four major points:

1. The application does work as intended.
2. Ease of use was directly related to the user's level of general expertise with technology.
3. Users requested the additional functionality of being able to see the rubrics within the application, delete documents, edit what has been uploaded, and have drop-down menus to select the "subRs."
4. The naming and format requirements for documents being uploaded caused frustration.