

Coalition of Innovative School Districts Minutes – June 23, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

Members in Attendance – Deena Horst – SBOE, Randy Watson – KSDE, Mark Crawford – USD 418, Adrian Howie – USD 210, Quentin Breese – USD 333, Bill Mullins – USD 364, Jim McNiece – SBOE, Sue Dole – USD 229

Guests in Attendance – Brian Jordan – KASB, Angie McDonald – USD 418, Idalia Shuman – KNEA, Brian Smith – USD 484, Brian Houghton – USD 484, Aaron Chard – USD 484, Jennifer McKenney – USD 484, Lisa Wilson – USD 229

1.0 Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Deena and seconded by Quentin to approve the agenda with changes necessary to allow Dr. Watson to give the KSDE Update before his 9:30 meeting and other changes to allow the remainder of the team from Fredonia USD 484 to arrive. Motion passed 6-0. (Adrian Howie and Mark Crawford were not yet present for this vote)

2.0 Public Comments – There were no comments from the public.

3.0 Consent Items – We did not have the minutes from the May Meeting available for approval so there was no action on this item.

4.0 Consideration of CISD Applications – The team from USD 484 in Fredonia made their presentation to the Coalition Board of Directors for their consideration. The presentation focused on their five goals related to joining the Coalition and how student progress would be measured and reported. Mark made a motion to approve the application of USD 484 to join the Coalition. The motion was seconded by Adrian. The motion passed 8-0.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Updates from Districts

USD 364 reported on the start of construction in the district including new plans to develop a version of the Blue Valley CAPS Program within the district.

USD 229 reported on the recent CAPS Huddle Program that took place in their district.

USD 418 reported on recent community service efforts to prepare the outdoor classroom within their district for use this fall along with their recent trip to the Future Ready Conference.

USD 210 reported on the challenges they are facing within their district along with some efforts ongoing to change the charter school programs within the district.

USD 333 reported on the major changes within their District Office as many people now have new roles.

5.2 Updates from KSDE

Randy Watson reported that the State Assessment footprint will be reduced by 60% in the 2016-17 school year. He also reported that the MDPT Items will be moved from the

summative portion of the testing system to the interim assessments. He also reported that there are some changes being made at the KITE Support System at KU to better support school and make things run smoother and faster. He reported that with these changes schools will receive their test results in a more timely fashion. He reported that KU will be running the ELPA testing next year and in the future. This fall, schools will be receiving some data for their 10th grade students that make a prediction about their ACT score based on their State Assessment results. Eventually these predictive scores will also be available at earlier grades.

Randy expressed a desire for the Coalition to become involved with the formative/interim assessment programs that will be available through KITE. He was also asked about the future of the History/Government/Social Studies Exam and he said that this portion of the State Assessment program was up for discussion and would be reviewed extensively before the next scheduled administration of this assessment.

Randy was asked about a recent presentation that he made at the USA Conference where he outlined a possible definition of Student Success/Student Readiness for future discussion. The highlights of this definition included the following:

- Successful completion of 12 hours of College Credit
- Successful completion of 4 AP Courses with a score of 3 on each AP Exam
- A combination of College Credit and AP Courses
- Successful completion of an IB Program with a 5 on the Exit Exam
- Earning of a Industry Recognized Certificate
- Meeting the ACT Benchmark Score for all 4 content areas of the ACT Exam
- Joining a branch of the military service

Randy also shared his desire to make the SEEK program more robust. Concerns were raised by some of the Coalition members about the negative effect of students attending out of state colleges that were not participating in the National Clearinghouse.

Deena reported on the recent passage of the State Accreditation System and its new focus on District Accreditation instead of Building Accreditation.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Testing Sub-Committee Report

The members of the sub-committee discussed the draft report that was prepared prior to some of the recent announcements from KSDE. Some elements of the draft report are now outdated and will need to be changed. The sub-committee however liked the format of the draft report and wanted to propose the format for future work in sub-committees. The sub-committee reported that the future work of the committee would likely focus on the following:

- Developing some common formative assessment tasks that can be given in all districts followed by some analysis of student work with a focus on improving teaching and learning for all students. This would essentially create a large PLC that includes all of the Coalition Districts.
- Developing data dashboards that satisfy the needs of the Coalition Districts.

- Developing a definition of Student Success and/or College and Career Readiness that allows students multiple opportunities to demonstrate success or readiness.
- Continuing to develop and refine local assessment systems to inform curriculum and instruction decisions.
- Continuing to evaluate the History/Government/Social Studies portion of the State Testing System for a possible exemption request in the future. (We are not sure about the future of this test given the recent announcement about MDPT's)

This topic will be discussed further at a work session early in the 2016-17 school year.

6.2 Sub-Committee Assignments

6.2.1 Graduation Requirements – The following school districts agreed to serve on this sub-committee – Hugoton, McPherson, Kansas City. We would also like to add a representative from KSDE or the SBOE to this sub-committee.

6.2.2 Social Emotional Learning – The following school districts agreed to serve on this sub-committee – Blue Valley, Concordia, Fredonia. We would also like to add a representative from KSDE or the SBOE to this sub-committee.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Meeting Format for 2016-17

7.2 Meeting Schedule for 2016-17

7.3 Meeting Location for 2016-17

The group discussed a variety of options for meetings next year and a proposal will be presented at the next meeting. The desire of the group was to have an improved system for participants who cannot attend in person. The desire of the group was to have some on-site meetings that might be all day for work sessions and some virtual meetings. The desire was to have a set meeting schedule as soon as possible so that everyone could put it on their calendars. The meeting location was discussed and Salina seemed to be as good a location as any for most districts. Bill Mullins and Mark Crawford will work on a proposed schedule and share it as soon as possible. The schedule will be formally approved at our next Coalition Meeting.

7.4 Social Media and Website

The group discussed the current website and whether or not it was conveying the message about the Coalition that we wanted to communicate. We also discussed the idea of creating a social media presence to promote our message and our work. The idea of a Coalition Chat was discussed as well. The group agreed to secure a Twitter account under the name @Innovateksed and to begin using #Innovateksed.

8.0 Announcements

There were no announcements

9.0 Adjournment

Deena made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55. The motion was seconded by Quentin. The motion passed 8-0.