

Coalition of Innovative School Districts Minutes – March 16, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am

Members in Attendance – Deena Horst – SBOE, Gordon Mohn – USD 418, Bill Mullins – USD 364, Cindy Lane – USD 500, Brian Smith – USD 484, Adrian Howie – USD 210, Randy Watson – KSDE, Jim McNiece – SBOE, Quentin Breese – USD 333

Guests in Attendance – Idalia Shuman – KNEA, Aaron Chard – USD 484, Angie McDonald – USD 418,

1.0 Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Adrian and seconded by Quentin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 6-0. (Randy, Brian, and Jim had not yet joined the meeting.)

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

3.0 Consent Items – A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Gordon to approve the minutes from the February meeting with the spelling correction for myigdis.com. The motion passed 6-0. (Randy, Brian, and Jim had not yet joined the meeting.)

4.0 Reports

4.1 Updates from Districts

Adrian from Hugoton reported that he and his board are working on long range strategic plans for the district. They are also working on plans to expand their CTE offerings, community partnerships, and internship opportunities for their students. They are also having discussions about graduation requirements that are very similar to the discussions in the Graduation Requirements Sub-Committee.

Brian from Fredonia reported on his meeting last week with the REL Central Governing Board in Colorado. He also talked about their on-going efforts to launch an Early Childhood Center next year. He also reported on their discussions about a scaled down version of CAPS that would fit Fredonia's needs and resources.

Gordon from McPherson reported about their summer internship program that they will have in place this year to be a model for other businesses in the community. He also talked about plans for the district leadership team to attend a conference this summer related to Trauma Sensitive Schools. He also shared plans to restructure some of the leadership responsibilities in the district to put more emphasis on teaching and learning.

Quentin from Concordia talked about some of the new programs that are being implemented in the district office and throughout the district to make them more efficient.

Cindy from Kansas City reported on the efforts of her local business community to support the College and Career Academies that will begin next fall. The business community is really taking a leadership role with this initiative. She also reported on their work toward providing externships for their teachers to work around the community this summer.

Bill from Marysville reported on the current challenges related to the mumps and the flu in the district. He also reported on the current progress of the bond issue in the district and how that will impact instruction in the future. He also reported on the recent athletic successes in the district and how that affects the overall atmosphere in the community and district.

4.2 Updates from KSDE and SBOE

Randy shared his concerns about the recent announcement from Washington DC that all Title IID money from the Federal Government has been recommended to be cut. In Kansas, this money is used to support mentoring programs along with several other programs across the State.

Randy reported that the State Board of Education has taken action related to Kindergarten Readiness. They will be sending out an RFP soon for a snapshot tool that can be used to help measure if children are ready for Kindergarten.

Randy and Brad will be involved in 4th Quarter training related to KESA for the next couple of months as this new accreditation model gets closer to implementation beginning in July 2017.

Randy and Jim reported that even though it appears that the Legislature is quiet, there is a lot of activity happening behind the scenes and things should start coming to light in the near future.

4.3 Sub-Committee Reports

Graduation Rates/Individual Plans of Study

Bill and Brad are still trying to set up videoconferences with Deputy Commissioners of Education in Oregon, Wisconsin, and New Hampshire to learn more about initiatives in their states related to graduation requirements and the different ways that students can earn credits.

Social Emotional Learning

There was no report from this committee.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Personalized Learning Overview

This was just a reminder about this upcoming conference on May 3rd and 4th in Topeka. Bill is going to work on getting more details and then sharing with the group.

6.0 New Business

6.1 National Student Clearinghouse Data

Randy shared some information with us about the National Student Clearinghouse Data reports that KSDE is wanting to use to provide information about graduation rates and postsecondary success for schools across Kansas. There was some discussion with plenty of "I wonder" questions being asked by the group.

7.0 Announcements

Next meeting is Thursday April 13th in Salina.

8.0 Adjournment

Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35. The motion was seconded by Quentin. The motion passed 9-0.