

## **Coalition of Innovative School Districts Minutes – May 11, 2017 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

**Members in Attendance** – Gordon Mohn – USD 418, Bill Mullins – USD 364, Cindy Lane – USD 500, Aaron Chard – USD 484, Quentin Breese – USD 333

**Guests in Attendance** – Idalia Shuman – KNEA, Scott Rothschild – KASB, Jennifer Hanni - Greenbush

**1.0 Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Quentin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

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

**3.0 Consent Items** – A motion was made by Quentin and seconded by Cindy to approve the minutes from the March meeting and the notes from the April meeting.

### **4.0 Reports**

#### **4.1 Updates from Districts**

Gordon from USD 418 reported that they had recently hired an Executive Director of Secondary Instruction and that they were excited about the restructuring that was taking place in the district.

Aaron from USD 484 reported that they were moving forward with plans of opening up their Early Childhood Center in the fall at the site of their former middle school. When finished the center will include infant care, daycare, Pre-K programs, and Kindergarten.

Cindy from USD 500 reported that they were continuing plans for the academies at their high schools which will open this fall. She also reported a recent site visit by the IB Team and they are planning to add IB at one of their locations.

Quentin from USD 333 reported on recent developments with negotiations, an upcoming track renovation project, and ongoing improvements at the district office level.

Bill from USD 364 reported on the construction projects, plans for an all-day Pre-K option for the first time in the district, and the recent approval by the board to hire a Kansans Can Coordinator.

#### **4.2 Updates from KSDE and SBOE**

There were no reports from KSDE or the SBOE.

#### **4.3 Sub-Committee Reports**

There were no sub-committee reports

## **5.0 Old Business**

### **5.1 Personalized Learning Conference**

Aaron shared that this two-day conference confirmed many of the things that they are doing in their district and it provided them with some new contacts that can help them continue to improve as a district. Bill shared that his principal who attended felt the same way about the conference.

### **5.2 National Student Clearinghouse Data**

The group briefly discussed how they have been using the National Student Clearinghouse Data in their districts and some of their plans for using the data going forward. Most districts have shared the data with their administrative teams but have not yet shared the data with their boards.

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 Specialized Teaching Certificate Candidate - Marysville**

Bill shared about the possibility of bringing forth a Specialized Teaching Certificate candidate in the near future. He reported on a candidate that the Marysville BOE has approved that he is trying to get licensed through the pathways available through KSDE. If he is unable to do that through the existing pathways, he will bring the matter back to the Coalition. A discussion ensued about what would be an acceptable program of study that would satisfy the Coalition Board and the State Board of Education to support this candidate as she transitions into teaching. The consensus seemed to be that Marysville needed a higher education partner in order to have a satisfactory program. Cindy shared her contacts with Pittsburg State and Fort Hays State and Bill was going to initiate conversations with them.

### **6.2 Volunteer Districts for School Redesign**

The group had a short discussion about the recently announced program through KSDE who is seeking 7 (seven) volunteer school districts for a school redesign project that would include one elementary school and one secondary school in each district. Marysville shared that they would probably not be interested at this time because of the current health concerns that Bill is experiencing. The other districts would like to study the requirements more and have some internal discussions to determine their level of interest.

### **6.3 Meeting Schedule for 2017-18**

The group discussed the proposed meeting schedule for 2017-18 and decided that it was the best option moving forward because they valued the participation of Randy Watson and the State Board of Education members. The concern was that changing the dates of the meetings might keep these three people from attending and participating. The consensus was to not adopt this in a motion, but rather to have Bill announce this as the meeting schedule. This would allow him to make changes as needed without the need for another motion. As a result, the meeting schedule for 2017-18 will be as presented by Bill at this meeting. He will work out the details of the on-site meetings and share that information in the near future. Bill also shared details of his medical situation and shared that he would likely not be available for the meetings in July, August, and October. He shared that he would need someone else to lead those meetings in his absence. The consensus was for Bill to continue serving as the chair and that others would take his spot as needed while he is taking care of his medical issues.

## **7.0 Announcements**

Next meeting is Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Salina.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45. The motion was seconded by Cindy. The motion passed 5-0.