



Friday, March 4, 2016
BVPAGE Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tracy Elford, Lisa Johnston, Amy Gallentine, Heidi Mann, Patty Logan, Cathryn Linney, Tracie Howell

BV School District Guests: Kristin Asquith
Attendees: 23

- I. Welcome – Tracy Elford
 - a. Brain Blizzard was a big success
 - i. 42 students (10 teams) in attendance
 - ii. Event will be returning next year
 - b. Registration is open for March SENG group
 - i. Not enough registrants at this point
 - ii. Deadline March 15
 - c. Nighttime Best of BVPAGE Meeting announced
 - i. Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
 - ii. Location - Hilltop Campus, Conference Room B
 - iii. Topics
 1. Johnson County Library System Website
 2. Gifted Curriculum and Gifted IEPs
 - d. Review questions from last month – see website
- II. Summer Robotics Camp – Patty Logan
 - a. 3 weeks consisting of 6 camps in July 2016
 - b. Registration is open – openings still available
 - c. Do not need gifted IEP
- III. Legislative Update – Patty Logan
 - a. Mid-Feb – bill was brought to remove gifted education from KS Special Ed
 - i. Doing this would remove guarantee of services for gifted students and money for gifted teachers
 - b. Bill removed within 24 hours due to outpouring of negative feedback
 - c. Recent court decision by KS Supreme Court
 - i. Court feels money is not distributed equitably between school districts in KS
 - ii. If the budget is not resolved by beginning of fiscal year (July 1), schools will not open
 - iii. BV will lose money – approx. \$2M
 - iv. BV does have reserve fund to cover fiscal emergency
 - v. Stand Up Blue Valley – Families for our schools
 1. Visit website at StandUpBlueValley.org or visit them on Facebook
- IV. Special Ed Mini-Conference - Tracie Howell
 - a. Update on recent conference
 - b. Resource Fair
 - i. April 5

- ii. 82 vendors currently, 100 expected
 - iii. Hilltop Center – 6-9 pm
- V. Board of Ed Curriculum & Instruction committee – Kristin Asquith
 - a. Class Rank discussion
 - i. School district is evaluating removing class rank from transcripts
 - ii. 10-12 yrs. ago rank was deemed important; current research shows that rank is not as important today
 - iii. Committee investigating what a variety of colleges look for in class rank, what do other schools do, etc.
 - iv. No decisions yet, but watch for future updates
 - v. Class of 2015 – bottom 4.0 ranked 111 out of approx. 400
- VI. Twice Exceptional Children – Kristin Asquith, BV Coordinator of Gifted Services
 - a. Parent-led discussion – questions/topics raised
 - i. Need for more assistive technologies
 - ii. How does being accepted into Gifted affect Special Ed?
 - 1. It doesn't – just gives access to Gifted in addition; takes nothing away
 - iii. BV looking into adding dyslexia to Special Ed list
 - iv. By law, teachers cannot diagnose, but frequently use “code words”
 - v. Parents of twice-exceptional need more resources – more guidance from teachers and schools
 - vi. Twice-exceptionality should be introduced earlier to Special Ed parents
 - vii. How does a disability affect the identification process and vice versa?
 - viii. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program is not an academic intervention
 - ix. If having struggles or issues, please contact Kristin Asquith (KAsquith@bluevalleyk12.org)
 - x. Need for a support or SENG-like group for Twice Exceptional parents
 - 1. Heidi Mann and Tracie Howell looking into this option
 - 2. Contact Heidi Mann (Heidi.bruce.mann@gmail.com) for more information
- VII. Next month's topic – BV Performing and Visual Arts Curriculum by Kathleen Cigich; Director of Visual Arts and Janelle Brower; Director of Performing Arts