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## GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2015

### **In Attendance:**

#### **DISTRICTS -**

Adair – Anita Goode	Elizabethtown –	Monroe – Jamie Stanford
Allen – Karen Harlow	Glasgow – Alisha Richardson	Ohio – Christy Nofsinger
Barren – Cynthia York	Grayson – Monica Heavrin	Owensboro - Kim Johnson
Bowling Green –	Green – Dr. Rhonda Simpson	Russell – Sandra Dick
Breckinridge –	Hancock – Aleta Sisk	Russellville – Linda Shelton
Butler –	Hardin – Kim Adkins	Simpson –
Campbellsville – Joni Davis	Hardin – Rhonda Lockwood	Taylor – Scott Parks
Caverna –	Hart – Donna LeFevre	Todd – Kim Justice
Clinton – Eddie Tallent	LaRue –	Warren – Michelle Blick
Cloverport –	Logan –	West Point – Karen Brigdon
Cumberland – Paulette Brinley	McLean –	
Daviess – Robin Bush	Meade – Mark Martin	
Edmonson – Wyn Caudill	Metcalfe – Jamie Moss	

#### **PARTNERS –**

Campbellsville University –	KSD - Meena Mann
Campbellsville University –	KSD – Laurie VanConia
KAES –	RTC – Bill Porter
KSB – Wendy Strode-Ross	WKU –
KDE –	

#### **GRREC SP ED STAFF:**

Pat Butler	Pat Kelley	Betsy Madison
Jennifer Clemmons	Katelin King	Debra Myers
Dr. Kelly Davis	Lisa Loague	Sheila Thompson
Barb DeGraaf	Kathy Maciel	Randi Womack

#### **GUESTS:**

Shannon Stafford, Interpreter	Julie Pendley, Muhlenberg Co.
Julie Buckham, Interpreter	Bonnie Gelke, Henderson Co.
Christina Whitsell, Webster Co.	Carla Haynes, Henderson Co.
Kellie Thompson, GRREC	Rendy Belcher, GRREC

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Kelly Davis**

The meeting was brought to order @ 9 am with Kelly Davis welcoming everyone.

#### **Special Recognition**

Special recognition was given to Pam Coe in honor of her retirement, June 30, 2015.

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## PGES/CEC

**Betsy Madison, Kathy Maciel,  
Sheila Thompson & Kellie Thompson**

Betsy Madison and Kathy Maciel led the group in a walkthrough of the KDE task group created draft document “Instruction Connection”. The document is not meant to replace the framework document already in place, but is a guidance document to help special education teachers and administrators to see what the PGES framework looks like in the special education classroom. Additional work is being done to include low incidence teachers and PASS coaches. Although the document is still in draft form, everyone is free to use the document immediately. A suggestion was made to add a glossary to the document. The suggestion will be brought before the KDE task group.

Kellie Thompson shared information regarding the Danielson Group Conference she attended in March in Portland, Oregon called “Building Educator Expertise with the Framework for Teaching.”

Sheila Thompson shared information regarding the PGES Summit scheduled for July 23-24, 2015. Scheduled keynote speakers are:

- 7/23/15 – Teresa Lien of the Danielson Group. She will be speaking on special education and framework for teaching. Through the day there will be different sessions specifically for special education teachers and administrators regarding special education and the framework for teaching.
- 7/24/15 – Russ Quaglia of the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations. He will be speaking on student voice and student aspirations. There will be a variety of sessions on that day.

There will also be a variety of breakout Sessions. A flyer will be sent via email in the near future.

## Writing Task Group Update

**Barb DeGraaf & Betsy Madison**

Barb DeGraaf and Betsy Madison gave an update of the Literacy Task Group. The assignment of the task group was to develop a core and intervention writing training for middle to high school. Betsy indicated that last year, she and Barb wanted to present to GRREC writing teachers a core writing training. The training, “Closing the Writing Gap,” has already been presented four or five times. Several members of the state task group attended the training and from the “Closing the Writing Gap” training, the statewide training, “On the Road to CCR: Writing Paths to Close the Gap,” was created.

The following two-day workshops have been scheduled:

- Closing the Writing Gap for Elementary – August 26, 2015 and September 16, 2015
- Closing the Writing Gap for Middle/High – October 23, 2015 and November 13, 2015

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The flyers on the trainings will be sent out when posted. The training is limited to 25 participants and co-teaching teams are encouraged to attend.

## **Meeting Calendar for 2015-16**

## **Kelly Davis**

Kelly presented a proposed meeting calendar for 2015-16.

The October 30 meeting has been set with Teresa Combs as the guest speaker for the day. The topics can be changed but previous suggestion was legal updates in the morning and 504 updates in the afternoon. Contact Kelly if you would prefer a different topic.

Kelly shared with the group suggestions about different presenters during the monthly meetings. The dates of the meetings might need to be flexible based on the presenter and their schedule.

Kelly has already confirmed with Kim Johnson, Cynthia York and Kim Adkins about hosting the small group meetings. The group would have the opportunity to attend the small group meeting of their choice depending on the day and location. Kelly is planning for one topic focus to be Visible Learning and how teachers can be supported in using those strategies to further instruction for students with disabilities.

Kelly is also proposing adding Instructional Rounds next year. The topic would be looking at a problem of practice around the implementation of Conceptual Building Blocks. The proposal is to have an instructional round in two different locations each day. The group would have an opportunity to attend the instructional round of their choice. The plan is to have four rounds within the next year. Please send Kelly your feedback on the idea of instructional rounds. Also, if anyone has a major conflict in the calendar, please email Kelly.

## **Conceptual Building Blocks Cohort**

## **Randi Womack**

Schools should be contacted by invitation within the next week or two for the upcoming summer Elementary Conceptual Building Blocks cohort. The invitation is based upon school data review from the Data Retreat process. If your school is not contacted by invitation, there will also be an "open" CBB Elementary cohort. That information should also be out in the next few weeks. The Middle School Cohort is scheduled for this fall and will also be by invitation.

## **Updates/Reminders/Discussions**

### **Partner Updates**

### **Partners**

#### **Simpson Co RTC:**

- The Simpson Co RTC Ready Kids Conference is scheduled for June 24-25, 2015.
- 2015 Early Childhood Profile flyer was handed out.

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## **Ky School for the Blind**

## **Wendy Strode-Ross**

- The Family Day event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015. The flyer is posted on the GRREC Special Ed website.
- By January 4, 2016, every teacher of the visually impaired in the state of Kentucky must be trained in the UEB Braille Code. There are three ways to be trained.
  1. There is a Gateways training scheduled for July 15-16, 2015 and this training will be the only hands-on training available. You only have to attend one of the two days and if you can only attend one, the 15<sup>th</sup> is the most important day. The other two alternatives are:
    2. Verification through the Hadley School for the Blind or
    3. Verification through Northern Illinois University.

Both verifications through Hadley School for the Blind and Northern Illinois University are free and online. Registration for the Gateways training will be sent soon by Kentucky School for the Blind.
- Wendy has sent out information on the UK program. If you do not currently have a TVI Teacher and you would like to send one to the UK program, it is free of charge. Also, if you need someone part-time, UK will also accept a part-time person free of charge.

## **Other Updates:**

## **Kelly Davis and Staff**

- Regional Directors have started working on revisions to the ARC Chair Training. This process started several weeks ago. The hope is that there will be one training statewide so everyone has consistent information across the state regarding duties, roles and responsibilities of the ARC Chairperson. Each director has a section and modules will be created for each section. The group will then review their progress together. The PowerPoint and modules with scripted notes should be ready by summer; PowerPoint with voice over will be ready at a later date. The training will be in modules so you can show all or part of the training. Handouts and pre/post-test assessments will also be provided. If you have questions contact Kelly. Kelly will apply for EILA before July 1, 2015.
- Kelly indicated that work will soon begin on an updated training for new directors. With all the changes at KDE, there hasn't been much provided in the way of new information for new directors.
- Other changes at KDE: Johnny Collette is leaving KDE. Kelly will let everyone know when she hears about the timeline for his replacement.

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- An English Learner training is scheduled for June 10, 2015 at the Owensboro Board of Education. Skip Clevenger from Warren Co will be presenting about the same training that he had provided to the DoSE group. It will be geared toward eligibility and working through the process of how to refine assessment and how to consider eligibility to meet the needs of the English Learner population. The training is open and free to all. If anyone wants Skip to present in another area, please let Kelly know. Deb has asked Skip to talk with the School Psychologists at their meeting in September.
- Katelin indicated that she and Katrinka are working on an on-line confidentiality training. It will be finished by early June.
- Kelly indicated that there are several online trainings that GRREC is working on. Currently the trainings that are being developed or are finished are Indicator 13, ARC Chairperson, and Confidentiality Training. Kelly asked that feedback continue to be provided so other trainings that districts would like to have can be added. Kelly indicated that at the state level, other trainings will also continue to be developed.
- Kathy stated that the SCM Recertification training is scheduled for July 6-7, 2015. It will be posted on the GRREC website. The cost is \$285 per person. Kathy indicated there will be no refunds for no-shows as GRREC has to pay for the number registered.
- Kathy Maciel asked that if you have staff that needs the SCM initial five day certification to please let her know as quickly as possible. If she does not get enough registrations to host it at GRREC, she will work with JKM to try to get a discount for a training hosted in another location. Kathy stated that she would like to see the training be held at GRREC as the trainers can focus the training on school issues. Trainings held at other locations are more generalized.
- Promoting Positive Mental Health Conference – June 22-23, 2015. The registration link is up. Lucille Eber, who is the Director of PBIS in Illinois, will be the keynote speaker and presenter for day two. Bruce Christopher will be the keynote speaker and presenter for day one.
- Behavior Institute is coming up. It will be a great conference for Special Educators and PASS Coaches. The Institute is June 17-18 in Lexington.
- Pass Coaches Implementation Training is scheduled for June 25, 2015. It is for school teams. It will be up on the website within a couple of weeks. The whole team is encouraged to attend. If the whole team cannot attend, the PASS Coach and the Administrator need to attend.
- More in-depth training for all PASS coaches/EBD teachers is scheduled for Elementary and Intermediate on July 20, 2015 and for middle/high teachers on July 22, 2015.
- New Teacher Transition Boot Camp/IEP Training - Katelin indicated that a decision has not yet been made whether or not to have the new teacher Transition Boot Camp training since the

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Indicator 13 training is now online. However, there will be a new teacher IEP training in the fall. One in Bowling Green or Barren County and one in Owensboro. Dates will be sent out as soon as a decision has been made.

- Kelly indicated that the Indicator 13 Training/materials are in Dropbox. She invited everyone to join the Dropbox last month. If you cannot find your invitation and still need access, please email Kelly and she will invite you to join.
- Question: How are other districts administering/implementing ESY Services? Most districts are administering the services in the morning before school or in the summer. How long and how often is based on a case-by-case basis depending on the need.
- Kathy Eversole will be working on updating Record Review document for 2015-16. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send to Kelly and she will forward to Kathy Eversole.
- Reminder EOY – April 30 – Bowling Green Professional Development Center – 503 Old Morgantown Rd. The training will begin at 9 am. Ginger Meade will be conducting the training.
- The next Special Education meeting for directors will be on May 15, 2015 at GRREC with breakfast at 8:30 and the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you have any agenda items, please email to Kelly.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.