

# GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION

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## GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

4/28/2017

### In Attendance:

#### **DISTRICTS -**

Adair – Anita Goode	Elizabethtown – Dr. Kristin Froedge	Monroe – Jamie Standford
Allen – Mike Simpson	Glasgow – Alisha Reeves	Ohio –
Barren – Cynthia York	Grayson –	Owensboro - Kim Johnson
Bowling Green – Vicki Writsel	Green – Dr. Rhonda Simpson	Russell – Sandra Dick
Breckinridge –	Hancock –	Russellville –
Butler –	Hardin –	Simpson – Whittney Maxwell
Campbellsville –	Hardin – Rhonda Lockwood	Taylor – Scott Parks
Caverna –	Hart – Donna LeFevre	Todd – Kim Justice
Clinton – Eddie Tallent	LaRue –	Warren – Michelle Blick
Cloverport –	Logan –	West Point – Doug Mobley
Cumberland – Dr. Tim Parson	McLean – Sherri Turley	
Daviess – Robin Bush	Meade – Mark Martin	
Edmonson – Wyn Caudill	Metcalfe –	

#### **PARTNERS –**

Campbellsville University –	KSD –
Campbellsville University –	KSD – Laurie VanConia
KAES –	RTC –
KSB – Wendy Strode	RTC – Stacy Raymer
KSB DOSE –	WKU -
KDE –	

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

Pat Butler	Dr. Betsy Flener	Kathy Maciel
Dr. Jennifer Clemmons	Christina Jackson	Betsy Madison
Dr. Kelly Davis	Katelin King	
Barb DeGraaf	Lisa Loague	

#### **GUESTS:**

Cindy Green, Green County

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Kelly Davis**

The meeting was brought to order at 9:05 AM by Dr. Davis making announcements and introductions.

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## Announcements

- Dr. Davis said she just got back from the LRP conference in Maryland. She said she learned a lot, especially in regards to behavior and discipline. She said she is thinking our ARC chairs may not know some of the regulations she learned about at the conference so she is going to provide a training for ARC chairs.
- She said we are also going to talking about graduation rates, updates and reminders.
- Mike Simpson said he is excited to soon be headed back into retirement.
- Deb Myers said that she appreciates all the cards while she was out. She said she is glad to be back.

## KY ABLE Plan

## Samara Heavrin

- Ms. Heavrin said she used to work for the Rand Paul administration but now is working with Allison Ball, state treasurer. The KY ABLE Plan is a new program offered in Kentucky. This is game changer and this is the biggest change since ADA in the 90's. This account has the same transactional benefits as a regular account. She said with this partnership we use zero tax payer dollars. This account provides financial independence for people with disabilities and the account is owned by the individual. Before ABLE, individuals could only save \$2,000 of their own money before risking loss of health care and other benefits.
  - There is an eligibility quiz at [stablekentucky.com](http://stablekentucky.com) to see if you are eligible to have a Kentucky Stable account.
  - Enrollment is open and it is free to enroll and it takes approximately 20 minutes.
  - There is a \$50 minimum deposit to open an account, and then there is a \$1 minimum for all subsequent deposits.

Mr. Simpson asked if there was a chance of the annual fees going away. Ms. Heavrin said there have been discussions about the fees and they are hoping to at least get the fees decreased.

She said that she would love to come and talk to your district if you have more questions. Dr. Davis said Ms. King and her are discussing ways to incorporate this into the transition work Ms. King will be doing.

## CELEBRATIONS

## Kelly Davis

- Dr. Davis said we will be celebrating five different people today.

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- The first celebration is for our sweet friend Alisha Reeves (Richardson). Mrs. Reeves said we went on a date and it was a surprise to me we got married that night and we were not even engaged. It was absolutely perfect for us because it did not involve all the planning and we are super busy with our children in baseball.
- Dr. Davis said also this year we had two friends who have earned their doctorate. One was Kristin Froedge. Dr. Froedge said she has been working 2 ½ years on students with disabilities and growth mindsets. Dr. Davis said Dr. Froedge is one of the first people to research about this topic to include children with disabilities.

Dr. Davis also said if you didn't know one of our very own GRREC staff members received her doctorate, Jennifer Clemmons. Dr. Clemmons said it has taken her 3 ½ years to complete and that her topic aligns really well with Growth Mindset.

- Dr. Davis said her friend Mrs. Barb DeGraaf is retiring after 42 years. She has worked for GRREC for the past few years. She is a great friend, a great coach and we are going to miss her a whole lot. Mrs. DeGraaf thanked everyone for allowing her the opportunity to work with them.
- Dr. Davis said the next retirement is Mrs. Vicki Writsel with 37 years of service. Dr. Davis said we have put together a little video of well wishes from our group and we would like to thank you for your dedication to special education. Mrs. Writsel said she would miss everyone greatly.

Dr. Davis said she would like to take a moment to say thank you to Rhonda Simpson for always being so good about getting gifts for us when there is a special occasion.

## **Graduation Rate Data Analysis**

**Kelly Davis**

- Dr. Davis asked what we learned from analyzing the data to see if it was correct or not. Individuals said:
  - Limited support at KDE to answer questions
  - Exiting report did not align
  - Did not account for students in 2015 and could not go back and change it
  - Data was not correct, and it was hard to figure out how the data was incorrect
  - Did not realize how hard it was to go back and figure it out

Dr. Davis said this is a high priority data set for your district so now you know that you may need to do some things differently going forward. She asked if you have figured out what needs to be checked at the end of this school year to be sure that your data is correct.

- We need to know who the students are that are graduating with a disability

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- Every year we need to keep a list of the freshman and track them throughout their high school career
- We need a list of freshmen coming each year to track our cohorts
- When transfers occur, we need to know what cohort they are in and that needs to be determined as soon as they transfer in
- We need to have a way to track transfer ins and outs
- Keep a record of every student who drops out
- If an individual goes into an IEP and then does not lock the IEP back then that child does not count in your graduation rate
- Making sure your schools are scheduling ARC meetings for those who have IEPs expiring close to the end of the school year because if you do not then they will not count as one who receives a diploma
- We need to get with our DPP, high school principals and counselors

Dr. Davis said this is going to have a great impact on your graduation rate and it will be your decision whether you track it or not. Dr. Froedge said her special Ed teachers are going to be reporting to her to keep up with the cohorts individuals are in.

Dr. Davis said this is a state-wide problem right now. An individual asked if the state gave the Cooperatives the graduation rate or if the Cooperatives calculated it. Dr. Davis said it is calculated at the state level. She said there is a ten-day window to check the report to determine if it is correct and the report goes to your DAC.

- Dr. Davis said all of the Coops are starting to write their grants for 2017-2018 year. This year we have to put in a support for districts for graduation rate. How can our Coop support your district in literacy, math, trauma informed care, etc.? How do these supports help your district with your graduation rate? What supports would be the best to have, short or long-term, to support the graduation rate in your districts?

Possible activities you would like to see GRREC work on to improve the graduation rates:

- What are we working on with kids in alternate settings? We feel like the Trauma Informed Care is a hot topic and need to know how to use it in alternate settings.
- Trauma Informed Care and hitting the elementary and middle school years really hard. Early Intervening.
- Persistence to Graduation Tool – They are making some changes. Dr. Davis asked if they would you be interested in an overview with all the new tools?
- Students right above alternate assessment who cannot earn a diploma. Academic strategies for the kids who do not qualify for a high school diploma who struggle to earn credits in high school. (Ex. Algebra II, Chemistry, etc.)
- Maybe a restructuring way of the we do Tier II, Tier III, RTI
- Parent Involvement is huge and we are lacking in this area

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Dr. Davis said if you have any other ideas then you can email her with those. She said we need to be supporting our younger students because they are going to impact our graduation rate in the future.

## **SEAGIC Update**

## **Stephen Guthrie**

- Mr. Guthrie said he did not have an update since that have not met, but they will be meeting next week.

## **KSD Update**

## **Laurie Vanconia**

- Ms. Vanconia said Tony Peveler took the job as our executive director. She said we just had Hands Alive and we had 53 to attend. This summer we have a couple of conferences. July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Karen Anderson will be in the Berea area. We are holding a Visual Phonics training in the Louisville area as well as here at the GRREC offices. Dr. Davis said to please let GRREC know if you are registered for the June Visual Phonics training and you would like to go to the Louisville training instead so we can cancel your registration here and allow someone on the waiting list to attend.

## **KSB Update**

## **Wendy Strode**

- Ms. Strode said we had the Eye Can Derby and it was a great success. She also said there will be a Gateway to Literacy conference and it will be July 11, 12, & 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **RTC Update**

## **Stacy Raymer**

- Ms. Raymer said she passed out information for Ms. Baugh about some upcoming things going on.

## **Additional Updates/Reminders**

## **Dr. Kelly Davis**

- SCM Training – Kathy Maciel said if you know of anyone else who would like to come to the recertification then to please let her know ASAP so she can see if we could get another trainer to accommodate the additional numbers.
- 2017-2018 DoSE Advisory Meeting Schedule: Draft – She said she hit a little snag with Teresa Combs and she is not available for our usual October meeting. She said she could come on the December 14<sup>th</sup> date. She gave her the dates of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Combs suggested December or January. A suggestion was brought to Dr. Davis's attention to ask about the month of February.
- Indicator 8 Parent Survey: May 31 Deadline – Just as a reminder there is a May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. She is going to ask Tony for the excel sheet again so it will be up to date and resend that out to the districts.

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- Transformation Initiative Survey – Dr. Davis encouraged everyone to take the survey. This is from the Department of Mental Health and this would allow us to show the mental health needs in our areas and it would at least let our voices be heard in our area.
- Summer Camp Information – She sent a link about the Summer Camp Information. Ms. Van Conia also has a list of summer camps for students with hearing impairments and Dr. Davis will send that out to everyone.
- Indicator 11, 13 Report – Due June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for CEC Yes I Can Nominations is May 1<sup>st</sup>: The link for this form is on the agenda.
- Parent Involvement Training/Parent Initiative: There is a handout in your packet about this. It is an initiative from HDI and they have a parent initiative. They have a website for parents and there are some pretty good resources for parents but they are also offering trainings for school staff. There are four trainings they are offering. These look like overview trainings. They will come to your district to provide these trainings in your district and I am assuming it is free since it is through a grant. If you are interested then you can contact them.
- Emergency/Probationary Teacher Certification: Documentation due May 15
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Postsecondary Symposium: Mrs. King said this training will be similar to the Transition Fair. It is going to be 8:30-3:00 and the Commissioner will be here to speak. We want to bring everyone to the table. There will be sessions over the ASVAB, ACT, etc. The fee structure is buy one get one free. \$75.00 a person or a group of 8 people for \$250. The OVR budget can pay for any of your registrations or student registrations. You have to have a student coming for us to be able to cover the registration cost. The registration is not on the GRREC website you will need to go to the flyer and get the registration link which is a google doc.
- KYCASE is July 10-12, 2017. July 10 is for new directors only.
- Dr. Davis said Clay Cook will be back August 22 & 23 to do the Tier II Tier III training that had to be canceled in January. She said you do not have to come to both days. But you will have to register as if you are coming to both days. You will not have to pay for both days if you have already paid for the first day.
- In response to several requests for support for teachers with behavior management, GRREC has a team that will be working on developing a series of trainings for new teachers, both face to face and webinar trainings. These trainings will not be sequential in case your teachers can't make it to all of them. Ms. Lisa Loague, Ms. Kathy Maciel, Ms.

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Deb Myers and Ms. Katrinka Wagoner will be the four GRREC contacts for this work. The face to face meetings will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and February 20<sup>th</sup>. The webinars will be October 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, and March 13<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out soon on this series.

- Mrs. Maciel said there are two dates for PASS, June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Maciel said she and Mrs. Michelle Antle will be doing a day on teaching social and emotional skills. It will be an interactive workshop for all ages. Each teacher will receive a tool box. They will leave with tools in hand. The cost as of right now will be \$25 per person.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 12:35 PM.**