

GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION

GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2015

In Attendance:

DISTRICTS -

Adair – Anita Goode	Elizabethtown – Kristin Froedge	Monroe – Jamie Stanford
Allen –	Glasgow – Alisha Richardson	Ohio – Christy Nofsinger
Barren -	Grayson – Monica Heavrin	Owensboro -
Bowling Green –	Green – Dr. Rhonda Simpson	Russell – Sandra Dick
Breckinridge – Jarrod Brockman	Hancock – Aleta Sisk	Russellville – Linda Shelton
Butler – Sarah Ingram	Hardin –	Simpson – Sheila Baugh
Campbellsville – Joni Davis	Hardin – Rhonda Lockwood	Taylor –
Caverna – Susan Mathews	Hart – Donna LeFevre	Todd – Kim Justice
Clinton –	LaRue – Camille Turner	Warren – Michelle Blick
Cloverport – Sara Greathouse	Logan – Dr. Barry Goley	West Point – Karen Brigdon
Cumberland – Paulette Brinley	McLean – Sherri Turley	
Daviess – Robin Bush	Meade – Mark Martin	
Edmonson –	Metcalfe –	

PARTNERS –

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

GRREC SP ED STAFF:

Pat Butler	Pat Kelley	Debra Myers
Jennifer Clemmons	Katelin King	Katrinka Wagoner
Dr. Kelly Davis	Lisa Loague	Randi Womack
Barb DeGraaf	Kathy Maciel	
Rebecca Gaddie	Betsy Madison	

GUESTS:

Shannon Stafford, Interpreter	Deeayne Mayfield, Owensboro Ind.
Julie Buckham, Interpreter	Kathy Burris, Barren Co.
Justin Hornback, West Point Ind.	Kathy Gedling, Breckinridge Co.
Regina Guthrie, Russellville Ind.	Celeste Hinton, Butler Co.
Stacie McCune, Hancock Co.	Jennifer Kubasch, Russellville Ind.
Lesley Higgins, Todd Co.	LeAnn Pinson, Hart Co.

Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Davis

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

Flower Fund

Rhonda Simpson

Flower Fund – the envelope was passed around to contribute to the flower fund.

April Meeting

Kelly Davis

There will be an April 24th meeting at GRREC. The main topic for the meeting will be statewide initiatives for next year and there will be several different speakers speaking about those initiatives.

Meeting Poll

Kelly passed around polling sheet to see if May 15th would be a good time to hold a meeting.

Indicator 13

Indicator 13 task group has completed the online training materials. The materials include a PowerPoint, handouts, and a pre/post assessment. Teachers can be trained by a director or designee with a standard PowerPoint or by using a PowerPoint with voice over. Kelly is working on getting the materials uploaded to the GRREC website. Long-range, they may be housed statewide. If you need them urgently, Kelly has put the materials on Dropbox. Kelly passed a sheet around and asked everyone to check yes or no if they wanted to be added to the Dropbox share list. Directors can also email Kelly indicating their preference.

Preschool Coordinator Cadre

Kelly passed a sheet around asking if there is interest in forming a Preschool Cadre for Preschool Coordinators either online or face-to-face meetings several times a year. It was asked that they respond with either yes, no or n/a indicating that they are not a Preschool Coordinator. Directors can also email Kelly indicating their preference.

Directors Contact Information

Kelly Davis passed around a sheet to gather other information on Special Education Directors. The information already gathered is the basic contact information. What would be added is birthday and anniversary. Participating is optional.

Presentation on English Learners (EL)

Skip Clevinger, Warren Co

When English Learners Struggle: Distinguishing Language Differences from Disabilities.
English Learners and Disabilities and being able to provide the services needed for them to succeed.
There were several handouts including a PowerPoint and references. The materials are posted on the GRREC Special Education website.

The presentation focused on

- Background knowledge of EL students;
- Best methods and procedures in identifying EL students with disabilities and the challenges associated with the identification process;
- What methods have been used in the past that do not work when working with EL students;
- Considerations that teachers must use when working with EL students;

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- The importance of Data Collection when working with EL Students; and,
- What tests/instruments, strategies and interventions work well to help EL students succeed.

Skip stated that Warren Co has formed a team of professionals at Warren Co that look at cases and would be happy to look at a particular case if needed. Just contact Skip.

Updates/Reminders

Partner Updates:

Bill Porter, RTC

- Bill is retiring and his position is posted on KDE website.
- Today is the final day (day 4) of the ELLN (Early Learning Leadership Network) training. It is being held at the Knicely Center. Bill will be speaking at the next meeting regarding the plans for year five of ELLN.
- Plans are being made for Simpson Co. RTC Ready Kids Conference to be held June 24-25, 2015 at the Knicely Center. Each RTC has been asked to hold a regional conference in their area.
 - Barbara Kiser will be the keynote speaker and will present Behavior Challenges in Preschool. RTC is in the process of looking for other presenters for the conference. Contact Bill if you are interested. There will be staff from the Governor's office and KDE at the event as well as other professionals related to early childhood.
 - Bill indicated that Calloway Co.'s regional conference will be June 22-23 in Hopkinsville. He also stated that GRREC's June 22-23 Promoting Positive Mental Health Event that Kathy Maciel is coordinating compliments RTC's event.
- Bill indicated Simpson Co. RTC is staying busy due to the time of year to be working with budgets and evaluations.

Meena Mann, KSD – no report.

Wendy Strode-Ross, KSB – Family Day 2015 is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, however, the location has changed. She handed out an updated flyer. The title for the event is "Get Your Game On in 2015". David Wickstrom, President of Beep Baseball Kentucky, will be speaking and doing hands-on presentations of Beep Baseball and Goalball. There will other activities for the students and various vendors for the parents to visit. It will be at the Bluebird Community Center (the old Alvaton Gym) in Alvaton Ky. Wendy asked that Directors make sure that either the teacher of the visually impaired or if there is not a teacher for visually impaired, that the VI student receive the flyer. Wendy indicated she needs to know by April 15 how many students are coming so there is enough food ordered for the event.

Additional Updates:

SEAGIC Update

Kristin Froedje

Kristin provided a handout of highlights of the February 5 & 6 meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the rollout of the new forms and the changes in the forms. There are not a lot of changes to the forms but what has changed is how the information is compiled. EOY training will be held April 30, 2015 at the Bowling Green Professional Development Center and the new/changed forms will be

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reviewed at that time. Directors can register for the EOY training on CIITS. Kelly will contact Nick Easter to find out how district staff without CIITS access can register. During the EOY training, there should be a sandbox site to try out. The release should happen sometime mid-July.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17th. If anyone has any questions that Kristin can take back to be answered, email her and she will make sure the questions are answered.

Policy on private service providers

Michelle Blick

Warren Co. has passed a new board policy related to outside providers accessing their schools. Michelle stated there is no federal law that forces schools to allow providers into their schools. It is up to school level administration to determine whether or not to allow providers access to the schools and the students within that school. Michelle provided a copy of the policy listing the requirements that the Private Service Providers must follow in order to gain access to the school. If you want a copy of the policy or forms that the Provider must complete, email Michelle Blick @ Warren Co.

Consolidated Audits

3 of 5 Districts who are having their consolidated audits have been completed. The tone seems to be friendly, helpful, focused and supportive. So far those audited have had very small or non-existent CAPS. Kelly indicated that feedback seems to be more specific. Previously if a CAP was found, it could mean a huge district wide training but now, it could be as simple as reconvening an ARC and providing better documentation of what went on. The hope is that pattern will continue.

Robin Bush received a CEIS letter and Robin talked with Nick and found that some of the info was incorrect. It's important that if you receive a CAP or notification that if you disagree with the results and you can show hard data, you should advocate for your district and talk with KDE to make sure a mistake hasn't been made. Kelly will find out who the new branch manager is and send that out.

Bill mentioned that Sally Shepherd is the new branch manager for early childhood.

Kathy Maciel

- Promoting Positive Mental Health event is scheduled for June 22-23
- SCM Recertification is scheduled for July 6-7. Kathy had received correspondence that those dates were not good but indication today was July 6-7 is good. Email Kathy if these dates are not good for your district.
- OPS is having a SCM Recertification training June 11-12 if you absolutely can't make the July 6-7 date, however, if we don't get enough participation for July 6-7, we won't be able to hold the training.

Training Revisions

Kelly Davis

Regional Directors met the first part of March. Two groups were formed:

- ARC Chair Task Group to work on ARC Chairperson training. The group wants to get the training uniform across the state level. The training should be ready in June. GRREC will apply for EILA credit. A question was asked, "What are the requirements for ARC Chairperson Training?"

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- New Directors Task Group to work on New Directors training. The goal of the task group is to have a notebook of documents and a training that can be offered regionally. If anyone would like to be on either task group, let Kelly know. If you have any questions or suggestions- email Kelly.
- Indicator 13 Training – This training module is complete. There will be Handouts and Pre/Post Test and again, teachers can be trained using materials and voice over. The goal is to start working on more online training models like this that can be large or small trainings to satisfy CAP issues or just to train a few staff.
- Katelin & Katrinka will give us a timeline next month for a confidentiality training.

Record Review

A question was asked, “Where does the Record Review records go when they are entered?” “Do they go to KDE?” No, they only go to Pat Kelley and you can email Pat and ask her to send you what has been entered and she will send you the file. Another question is that some people are having issues entering the Record Reviews on their iPad. Pam Coe indicated that there should not be an issue with entering the data on an iPad and if you do, contact her.

District Policy and Procedures

In the last small group meeting, there was some discussion about the need for some of the districts (Old Caveland) to update District Policy and Procedures. It was asked if anyone wants to work on a GRREC-wide District Policy and Procedures workgroup. Kelly will send out an email to see if there is an interest in working on policy and procedures changes for those districts whose policies and procedures haven’t been updated.

CCR for the 1%

Barb DeGraaf

CCR for the 1% is moving forward but not yet released but the document is in the final stages of being released. CCR for 1% initiative will give our students on the alternate assessment the opportunity to be career ready. KDE has chosen three usability sites. One of the sites is in the GRREC Region – Simpson Co. There will be a two-day training in May to launch the initiative.

Regional Systemic Improvement Plan

Randi Womack, Rebecca Gaddie & Jennifer Clemmons

Randi, Rebecca and Jennifer have been working on a task group for the Conceptual Building Blocks for Math. The federal government required every state to develop a plan to reduce the gap and improve the achievement outcomes for students with disabilities. Each state had to choose an area of focus. Kentucky chose math as their area of focus. The outcome is called the State Identified Measureable Result. Each coop has to mirror the state plan. When you look at the math scores across the state, it is a valid area to work on math. There are very few schools or districts that have high performing students in math for students with disabilities. A handout was provided containing the State and Region Identified Measureable Result.

During the 2015-16 school year, training and coaching supports will be offered to two elementary cohorts. One cohort will be invited to attend based on data. The second cohort will be open. In addition, a middle school cohort will also be started.

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In order to promote fidelity and sustainability, some readiness requirements will be used. If a district is invited or chooses to participate, a team will attend training. The team will consist of a general education teacher, special education teacher and a coach. The coach could be either a district, school level person, or a teacher leader. The Math Specialists will provide direct coaching support to the CBB schools, using a gradual release model in order for the school-based coach to take over coaching activities by the end of the school year. They will also start a Coaches Cadre to provide school-based coaches with additional training and support.

Be watching for the dates. The information will be sent to the school and directors will be copied. On April 22-23, there will be a trial run of a 2-day training for middle school on the module dealing with ratio and proportion. Flyers should come out within the next week.

Reminders

EOY Training will be April 30, 2015 at the Bowling Green Professional Development Learning Center. Please register via CIITS. Kelly will send out the address and find out how to register staff that do not have access to CIITS. The training is 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Next DoSE Meeting will be April 24, 2015 at GRREC. Breakfast at 8:30. Starting time 9:00. Presentations will be on some of the role group work that has been going on throughout the state this year so districts will have some ideas about training opportunities coming up for special education teachers.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Kelley