

GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION

GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2015

In Attendance:

DISTRICTS -

Adair – Anita Goode

Allen –

Barren – Cynthia York

Bowling Green –

Breckinridge –

Butler – Sarah Ingram

Campbellsville – Joni Davis

Caverna – Susan Mathews

Clinton – Eddie Tallent

Cloverport – Sarah Greathouse

Cumberland – Paulette Brinley

Daviess – Robin Bush

Edmonson – Wyn Caudill

Elizabethtown –

Glasgow –

Grayson – Monica Heavrin

Green – Dr. Rhonda Simpson

Hancock – Aleta Sisk

Hardin – Kim Adkins

Hardin – Rhonda Lockwood

Hart – Donna LeFevre

LaRue – Camille Turner

Logan –

McLean – Sherri Turley

Meade – Mark Martin

Metcalfe – Jamie Moss

Monroe – Jamie Stanford

Ohio – Christy Nofsinger

Owensboro - Kim Johnson

Russell – Sandra Dick

Russellville –

Simpson – Sheila Baugh

Taylor –

Todd – Kim Justice

Warren – Michelle Blick

West Point – Karen Brigdon

PARTNERS –

Campbellsville University –

Campbellsville University –

KAES – Alex Fitzpatrick

KSB –

KDE –

KSD -

KSD – Laurie VanConia

RTC – Bill Porter

RTC – Carla Brown

WKU – Christina Noel

GRREC SP ED STAFF:

Pat Butler

Dr. Kelly Davis

Barb DeGraaf

Betsy Flener

Rebecca Gaddie

Pat Kelley

Katelin King

Kathy Maciel

Betsy Madison

Debra Myers

Sheila Thompson

Katrinka Wagoner

Randi Womack

GUESTS:

Lori Pfeiffer, Hardin Co.

Jessica Purchis, Hardin Co.

Julie Pendley, Muhlenberg Co.

Carla Haynes, Henderson Co.

Kim Faulkner, LaRue Co.

Rendy Belcher, GRREC

Beulah Gregory, Henderson Co.

Traci Sharpe, Marion Co.

Karen Nasser, Crittenden Co.

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Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Davis

The meeting was brought to order at 9 am with Kelly Davis sharing the Kid President video, “An Open Letter to Mom.”

Flower Fund

Kelly Davis

The envelope was passed around to collect money to replenish the Flower Fund.

Celebrations/Announcements

- Congratulations to Bill Porter, Director of the Simpson Co. RTC on his retirement after 43 years of service. Sheila Baugh shared with all about Bill and presented him with a gift from the Special Education Division group.
- Congratulations to Sheila Baugh. She is the new Director of the Simpson Co RTC. Sheila announced that Simpson County will be looking for a Director of Special Education to fill her position.
- Congratulations to Alex Fitzpatrick on his retirement after 27 years. Wyn Caudill shared with all about Alex and presented Alex with a gift from the Special Education Division group.
- Congratulations to Mark Martin and his wife who just had a new baby. He was presented with a gift for the new baby from the Special Education Division group.
- Vicki Writsel sent a thank you card for cards and gifts from the group.
- Kelly passed out an email regarding district status as far as YOYO district data.

Progress Monitoring

Katelin King & Katrinka Wagoner

Katelin and Katrinka led a Progress Monitoring mini-training. They used a PowerPoint to review what Progress Monitoring means to schools and districts. They also provided a handout, “Methods of Measurement.” The training included:

- Legal Requirements and How to Meet The Requirements
- Assessment Types – Summative & Formative (and examples of each)
- Questioning Strategies (the site that helps with questioning strategies is www.rightquestion.org)
- Developing Scoring Guides
- Annotations and Examples
- Observations – Anecdotal and Intentional
- Self & Peer Assessments
- Method of Measurement
- Progress Monitoring Process and Examples of Each;

Katrinka will send the PowerPoint to everyone.

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Deb Myers shared a chart on “Summary of Data-Based Decisions Including the Data Pattern, Interpretation and Suggested Decision.” The chart gives the district a “where to go” if the student is not making progress. The chart will be sent to everyone.

Katrinka indicated that the KDE Task Group assigned to prepare the Progress Monitoring Training should have the final product completed by November. Kelly indicated that she sent an email requesting that the task group complete their task by the originally assigned June date. She was informed that something will be disseminated by July 15. The hope is that even if it not totally finalized and approved, districts would be able to use the draft beginning the 2015-16 school year and then the training will be completely finished by November, 2015.

A question was asked: How much of the Progress Monitoring should be retained in the student’s folder? Answer is one per goal per grading period to support the progress. If they don’t make the progress that was anticipated, changes that were made and back up documentation for the changes should be included in the documentation.

If you have any questions or other comments, please email Katrinka.

Updates

RTC Update

Carla Brown

Carla Brown reminded everyone of the Simpson County Early Childhood Regional Training Center’s Kid’s Ready Conference scheduled for June 24-25 to be held at the Knicely Center in Bowling Green. Barbara Kaiser will be the Keynote speaker. She is the author of “*Challenging Behavior in Children.*”

There will be a reception on June 24, 2015 from 4-5 PM to honor Bill Porter on his retirement and to introduce Sheila Baugh as the new Simpson Co RTC Director. Classrooms of excellence will also be recognized on June 24th.

Behavior RTI Website

Kathy Maciel

Kathy led the group in a walk-through of the Behavior RTI website: The link for the Weebly website is www.kentuckybehaviorrti.com.

The tabs include an introduction which provides an overview of the Kentucky System of Intervention Frameworks and the connections of Rti, PBIS and PGES to one another. In the overview of the frameworks, there is a document available for download that matches up Rti and PBIS Components with the PGES Component. There is also a link to the KSI document from KDE. There are videos and links to the training modules, resources, examples and references.

If you have questions or feedback, it would be helpful and appreciated. The link is http://padlet.com/kathy_maciel/kybehaviorrti.

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Indicator 13 Update

Katelin and Katrinka

Katelin gave an overview of what materials are provided for the new training and the contents of Dropbox where the materials are being housed.

The materials include PowerPoint presentations with and without voice over, a video, and pre- and post-assessments.

The handout Katelin provided offered the different options available for providing the training to district staff.

ARC Chair Training

Question: When will the ARC Chair Training be completed? Kelly stated that the task force plans to meet on June 8th and 9th to finalize the training; however, the training will not have voice over at that time but will have updated slides and information. The training will be 9-12 total hours of information; however, it will be divided into individual modules approximately an hour long to allow for expanding or shrinking the training depending on the individual's needs. Activities will be embedded in the training for those who need additional training or the activities can be skipped for those who only need the quick information. The training has been set up so it will be flexible depending on the needs of the ARC Chair.

KSD – Laurie and Meena's report is located in the folder.

KAES

Alex Fitzpatrick

Alex reminded everyone to make sure you are at the table in your district as final decisions about PGES evaluations for Special Educators are completed. He stressed the importance of making sure the Exceptional Teachers' evaluation effectiveness system is appropriate for your staff.

Updates/Reminders

- No directors meeting in June or July.

Training Updates

- GRREC Summer Leadership Symposium will be one day only. It is scheduled for June 15, 2015 and will be held at GRREC. Jim Knight, National Speaker on Instructional Coaching, will be the keynote speaker and will also lead a session that day.
- Learning Forward Conference is scheduled for June 1, 2015 at GRREC. Speakers Owens Saylor and Jana Beth Slibeck will provide effective ways to provide staff professional development.

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- When English Learners Struggle: Distinguishing Language Differences from Disabilities, June 10, 2015 (8:30 – 3:30 CST) at OPS, presented by Skip Cleavinger from Warren Co. It is free and lunch is on your own. Registration is online.
- Cognitive Coaching – Day 3 and 4, June 11-12 or June 22-23 at the same location as the previous trainings. The trainings are being held at The Cecilian Bank in Elizabethtown.
- The Behavior Institute will be held in Louisville, June 17-18, 2015. Registration is out.
- Content Literacy/Thinking Strategies Institute for grades K-12. It will be for all content areas and is scheduled for June 17-18, 2015 (8:30 – 3:30 CST) at GRREC. It is encouraged that school teams attend the Institute. For questions, please contact Sheila Thompson or Betsy Madison.
- Promoting Positive Mental Health Conference will be held at the Knicely Center on June 22-23, 2015. The event was created to help integrate services for students with mental health needs and provide information on how they can receive needed services. Lucille Eber, Statewide Director at Illinois PBIS Network' will be the keynote speaker for June 23, 2015. Registration is \$50 for 2 days, but if you have staff that will only be able to attend the one day that Lucille Eber will be speaking, please contact Kathy and she will adjust registration costs to \$25 for the one day. Kathy indicated that she is a powerful speaker and would like everyone that can possibly attend to hear her speak.
- CBB Middle School Math Module Pilot on Ratio/Proportions is scheduled for June 22-23, 2015 at GRREC. The full 6-day CBB middle school training will begin in the fall. In a couple of weeks registration will go out to elementary schools for a second CBB cohort.
- KY CASE Summer Institute is scheduled for July 14-15, 2015 at the Galt House in Louisville. Registration is out.
- PGES Summit is scheduled for July 23-24 at GRREC. Teresa Lien, consultant from the Danielson Network, will be the keynote speaker/breakout sessions for July 23rd. The focus for day one is "The Framework for Teaching and Special Education." On day two there will be one breakout related to PGES & Special Education.
- I-Pad Boot Camp is scheduled for July 28-29, 2015. The cost will be \$100 for 2 days. Normally, the cost would be \$400. The trainer, Therese Willkomm, Ph.D., is a world speaker and the "MacGyver" of the iPad apps. She will be training on iPad applications and accessibility.
- Betsy Flener indicated that she would like to schedule a training on "Communication and Literacy for Students with Complex Needs." She would like to provide the training at no cost. The training will be held June 18 at the Cecilian Bank in Elizabethtown. The focus of the training will be to look at case studies and all of the assessment pieces that are required to develop a system of communication for a complex student. Registration is open on the GRREC website.
- There will be a training scheduled on July 17, 2015 for schools that might be interested in starting up a Kentucky Peer Support Network in their school. This would be a good opportunity to support

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your students with low-incidence disabilities and get them more involved in the culture and everyday happenings in the school. For more information, contact Jessica Purchis.

I3 Get the Picture Grant Update

Rendy Belcher

Rendy gave an update of the initiative and specifically the two goals of the grant, the districts that will be served, how the grant will impact all of GRREC and the job posting for College and Career Readiness Coaches that will be hired for the project.

The I3 Get the Picture project will serve Breckinridge, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Marion, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Russellville Independent, and Webster counties. Each partnering high school has developed a school-based support team to support the work. Most high school teams are registered to attend a data retreat with Stacey Owen. The posting of the College and Career Readiness Coaches have been uploaded to the GRREC website. There will be four positions. Applications will be accepted through May 29th. Julie Pendley, Interim DoSE, commented that she is excited about the project and how that the strategist match component will benefit students with disabilities in Muhlenberg County.

Low Incidence Updates

Deb Myers

- The School Psychologists plan to have Skip Cleavinger from Warren Co come to their first meeting on September 18, 2015. He will be presenting the same workshop that will be in Owensboro on June 10, 2015. The topic will be, "When English Learners Struggle: Distinguishing Language Differences from Disabilities." If your staff cannot attend the June 10th event in Owensboro, they are welcome to come on September 18th to the School Psychologist meeting.
- The ADA Discrete Trial two-day training will be this summer, July 13-14, 2015 and the cost will be between \$30 and \$35 for the two days which will cover the cost of food.
- The ASD Cadre plans to meet four times this next year, two in the fall and two in the spring. Due to lots of turnover of the group, during one of the four meetings (probably November), the group will go back and revisit an old module. Deb plans to invite not only the cadre but open up that meeting to all who would like the refresher or learn more about ASD.

Additional Updates

Kelly Davis

- The August 14th meeting has been moved to September 3. If September 3rd won't work for you, please let Kelly know as quickly as possible. Results from the Doodle poll indicated that September 3 seemed to be the better date for most of the group members. Unless Kelly receives feedback to the contrary, the plan will be to have the August meeting on September 3.
- There was interest expressed by those in the group serving as Preschool Coordinators to have a Preschool Cadre once a quarter at the same date that DoSE attends. It is not mandatory to attend. The Preschool Cadre will be held right after the regular DoSE meeting. September 3rd will be the first meeting date. The group will be meeting with Sheila Baugh, the new RTC Director to discuss the needs of the group.

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- The Kelly Autism Center asked Kelly to inform everyone that all slots are full for the fall, 2015-16. Applications next year for 2016 will be filled by Feb, 2016.
- Feedback was requested at the April meeting regarding the possibility of incorporating Instructional Rounds into our meeting schedule next school year to support the work schools are doing in improving academic outcomes for students. Most comments suggested high interest in doing Rounds but there were a few questions. Here are the answers to those questions of concern.
 - Concern: I don't know if I can get out of my district to do the Instructional Rounds for other districts. Answer: Participation is not mandatory. They are totally voluntary.
 - Concern: Would we be focusing on Special Education or Math? Answer: The focus of the Instructional Rounds will be a problem of practice identified by the school leader(s) just as in always done for Rounds. However, because of the focus on math from the KDE, we will ensure that we observe in multiple math classes to see how math instruction is delivered in relationship to the school's problem of practice.
 - Concern: How are schools being chosen to be visited by the Instructional Rounds team? Answer: CBB participant schools will be invited to participate as an Instructional Rounds school this year.
 - Concern: I'm not a mathematics expert. Will I feel uncomfortable participating in the Instructional Rounds? You do not have to be a math expert to participate. The group will be looking at an instructional strategy problem of practice.
 - Concern: Distance to the participating district and time. There will be two locations for each day. You can attend which ever location you would like to attend. Some DoSE indicated that they might not have time to participate. The Instructional Rounds will take the place of the regularly scheduled meeting and, again, it is not mandatory to participate.
 - Concern: Why doesn't GRREC staff take care of the Instructional Rounds? All GRREC Instructional Specialists will also be participating in the process. It takes a good size group to conduct Instructional Rounds successfully.

Beth Carter is working with GRREC for a 10 day contract until end of June and will have a limited contract next school year. She will be working mainly with new directors or directors that are fairly new in the district. If you have an urgent need Beth might possibly be able to help this year but definitely for next year.

GRREC is posting a new position. The position will be half time Due Process/Transition and half time Low Incidence. Applicants should currently serve or have previously served in a low incidence classroom to support instruction and have knowledge of CCR for the 1%. It is hoped that the position will be posted by end of next week.

Kelly thanked everyone for patience in her first year and wanted everyone to know that she is always open to feedback and invited everyone to send her an email if they have anything they wish to share with her.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.