

Friday, April 1, 2016  
BVPAGE Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tracy Elford, Lisa Johnston, Amy Gallentine, Delora Crawford, Lisa Nickel, Tracie Howell

BV School District Guests: Kristin Asquith, Mark Schmidt, Dr. Todd White  
Attendees:

- I. Welcome – Tracy Elford
  - a. Nighttime Best of BVPAGE meeting
    - i. Thursday, April 28 6:30 pm-9:00 pm
    - ii. Hilltop Campus Conference Room B
    - iii. Topics
      1. Johnson County Library System Website – Wendy Gish, Youth Services Specialist will show us the amazing capabilities of the JoCo Library system as it pertains to our gifted kids.
      2. Gifted Curriculum and Gifted IEPs
  - b. District Robotics Share Fair
    - i. Friday, April 29, 2016
    - ii. Location CAPS building
    - iii. Volunteers needed for setup and clean up
  - c. SENG meetings have started
    - i. 10 attendees
    - ii. BVPAGE pays 2 facilitators to run these sessions
  - d. New group spawned from last month's Twice Exceptional topic – BV2E
    - i. Will meet April 15 at 11:30 am
    - ii. Panera Bread at 135<sup>th</sup> & Metcalf
    - iii. Contact Heidi Mann ([Heidi.bruce.mann@hotmail.com](mailto:Heidi.bruce.mann@hotmail.com)) or Tracie Howell ([tracie.michelle.howell@gmail.com](mailto:tracie.michelle.howell@gmail.com))
  - e. Summer Robotics Camps
    - i. July 2016
    - ii. Registration is open on-line, openings still available
  - f. Legislative Update
    - i. KS House and Senate agreed on a funding bill for 1 year, this now moves on to the state Supreme Court
  - g. Mark Schmidt introduced Dr. Todd White, 2016-17 BV Superintendent
    - i. Comes most recently from North Kansas City (20+ yrs.) and 8 years prior in Harrisonville as teacher and coach
    - ii. Question – What is the greatest opportunity facing the BV district?
      1. Budget
      2. Need people who can see past current problems to the future
      3. Confident we can work through this – has been through similar in MO
      4. Chance for BV parents to advocate for district
        - a. why do we live/move here?
        - b. What opportunities do our schools provide our children?
    - iii. BV has the opportunity to go from “good” to “great”
      1. Focus on moving from best practices to “next” practices – what are our aspirations for our kids? – build on our best practices to achieve these goals
      2. Want to talk with BV parents – what do we want for our kids?
  - h. Welcome to the new BVPAGE Treasurer – Cecilia Davis-Fletcher
  - i. Thank you notes passed around from district gifted teachers to BVPAGE for providing snacks during professional development day
- II. Overview of Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Athletics Curriculum in Blue Valley - Janelle Brower, Director of Performing Arts

- a. Gifted doesn't always mean "talented"
  - b. Looking for where talent meets interest
  - c. Benefits of the Arts
    - i. Multiple ways of knowing – visual, aural, kinesthetic, linguistic & mathematical
    - ii. Emotional awareness
    - iii. Reflective learning
    - iv. Process orientation – introspection, evaluation & analysis
    - v. Grit – what it takes to learn
    - vi. Academic achievement
      - 1. Higher GPAs
      - 2. Higher attendance & graduation rates
    - vii. Fills gaps
      - 1. Students lagging behind
      - 2. Engagement
      - 3. Transcends socioeconomic levels
    - viii. Brain development – helps process sound and stay focused
  - d. Arts teachers must meet students where they are and move them as far as they can go
    - i. Find where interest meets talent – don't pursue if talent isn't of interest
    - ii. Opportunities are built in – flexibility to provide challenges based on ability
    - iii. No IEP required
  - e. How can I support my child in the Arts?
    - i. Let your child be the guide
    - ii. Provide opportunities to explore
    - iii. Should parents force practice? – personal philosophy; should come from within student
  - f. Course offerings – see presentation attached
- III. Overview of Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Athletics Curriculum in Blue Valley – Kathleen Cigich, Director of Visual Arts and Athletics
- a. Visual Arts
    - i. Course offerings by level – see presentation attached
    - ii. New KS Visual Arts standards
      - 1. Shifts the way we teach
      - 2. Focus on getting the students to think and problem-solve, not just teach to them
      - 3. In the classroom, want product creation, but also a community where voices are heard
    - iii. 4 components across Arts
      - 1. Creating – Creativity
      - 2. Presenting – Critical Thinking
      - 3. Responding – Communication
      - 4. Connecting – Collaborating
    - iv. Arts program is flexible to student needs/wants – if an advanced course is desired, but not available, it is possible to "nest" student with lower class, while they work on their advanced focus
  - b. Physical Education
    - i. Mission is for students to make responsible life choices that affect health and well-being and form goals to promote life-long wellness (see presentation attached)
- IV. May Meeting – Review
- a. What topics do you want to see in 2016-17?
  - b. Overview of grant money and spending
  - c. What did you learn from BVPAGE presentations/events this year?
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