

Friday, October 3, 2014  
BVPAGE Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Tracy Elford, Lisa Johnston, Delora Crawford, Christy Kelley, Karen Jordan, Patty Logan, Lisa Nickel, & Leslie Johnson

BV School District guests: Kristin Asquith, Mark Schmidt

Attendees: 33

1. Welcome and Introductions—President, Tracy Elford welcomed everyone, opened the meeting, introduced our guest speaker. Index cards are on the table for questions that come up during the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to write down thoughts and questions. If you provide an email address, a BVPAGE board member will respond. The thirty-three attendees introduced themselves.

2. President's Report—Tracy Elford

a. BVPAGE has printed bookmarks with all the meeting dates for the year. Please take one!

b. SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) flyer was distributed. DATE CHANGE! The start date of the daytime session has been postponed until October 15th.

c. KGTC (The Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented, and Creative) conference is this weekend, October 5-7. Registration is still open. Go to [www.kgtc.org](http://www.kgtc.org)

d. Next BVPAGE meeting is November 7. Speaker is Chad Ralston with the CAPS program. It is important for students and parents to plan ahead if desiring to participate in the CAPS program so this meeting is a great way to gain some knowledge on the program.

e. October 15 is BVPAGE's evening presentation: Grade Level Q & A Sessions at BVNW's Little Theatre. This is a presentation on what gifted education looks like at the three levels: elementary, middle, and high school.

f. An evening extracurricular robotics opportunity for students in grades 4-8 will be held at CAPS again this year. Students enroll for one 2-week session in the fall and then after winter break, students will compete in a FLL-like competition. Registration is coming soon. A districtwide email will be sent. Brittani Wilton is coordinator. [Brittani@spark-kc.com](mailto:Brittani@spark-kc.com)

3. Johnson County Library Resources—Wendy Gish, Youth Services Specialist  
Ms. Gish presented and discussed several resources found within [www.jocolibrary.org](http://www.jocolibrary.org) that students and parents perhaps may not be familiar with. You must have a Jo Co library card and PIN to access most of the website material mentioned. You will also have to create an account using an email address & password for many of these functions. Library cards are available at any library location, but you must visit the library in person to

obtain one.

a. NoveList—a resource which assists readers (especially kids who want to find a book they have not already read) in finding new authors and titles. It includes read-alikes, book reviews, over 1200 theme-oriented booklists, and links to 1000 fiction related web sites. You can search by Lexile # and grade level. From the Jo Co Library main page, click on Research, then Databases, then N (for NoveList).

b. Elementia—for teens ages 12-19 who are artists or writers and want to be published. [www.jocolibrary.org/teens/elementia](http://www.jocolibrary.org/teens/elementia)

c. Homework help—Homework help is available in person at the Central Resource Library from 4pm-7pm, M-Th. You may also log on up to 7 times a week for LIVE homework help. From the main page, click on My Library, then Kids, then Homework Help, then Live Homework Help. Or My Library, Teens, Homework Help, Live Homework Help or choose a topic.

d. College Exam Prep—A free online service. From the Jo Co Library main page, click on Research, then Databases, then “L”, then Learning Express Library, then College Prep Center, then choose your test.

e. Learn a Language—Over 63 languages to choose from. From the main page, click on Research, Databases, “M”, and then Mango Languages.

f. Naxos (Spoken Word Library)—Reads books out loud to you. From the main page, click Research, Databases, “N”, and then Naxos.

g. Free e-books—From the main page click on e-Library. You will need to download the Blio app.

h. Read Newspapers from other cities online—From the main page click Research, then Articles Magazines Journals, then Magazine Journal Newspaper List.

4. Open Forum Discussion—the last 30 minutes of the meeting was spent supporting each other through questions and conversation.