

Friday, September 5, 2014

BVPAGE Meeting Minutes

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

BV School District guests: Kristin Asquith, Dr. Tonya Merrigan

Attendees: 50

1. Welcome—President, Tracy Elford welcomed everyone, opened the meeting, and discussed meeting format for the year:
 - a. One informational topic will be presented at each meeting.
 - b. The last 30 minutes of each meeting will be an open forum format for attendees to ask questions
 - c. Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend. A family member does not have to have a child with an IEP to attend. Those outside the BV school district are also welcome.
 - d. Index cards are on the tables for questions that come up during the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to write down thoughts and questions and provide name and email address. Someone from the BVPAGE board will respond.
 - e. Meetings will be held in the Commons of the BVSD office.
2. Introductions—Tracy asked attendees to introduce themselves and share one fun anecdote about their family/child from over the summer.
3. President's Report—Year in Preview
 - a. October 3 meeting topic: Johnson County Library Resources (gifted resources); Speaker, Wendy Gish
 - b. October 5-7 KGTC conference (The Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented, and Creative). Registration is now open. Go to www.kgtc.org
 - c. October 15 evening presentation: Grade Level Q & A Sessions at BVNW's Small Theatre
 - d. November 7 meeting topic: CAPS; Speaker, Chad Ralston
 - e. December 5 meeting topic: Whole grade and math acceleration; Speakers, Dr. Tonya Merrigan and Barb McAleer. ELA acceleration is not on the agenda for this meeting but is an advocacy issue for our BVPAGE group.
 - f. January 9 meeting topic: Organizational Interventions; Speaker, Kristin Asquith
4. Student Events Report—Patty Logan discussed the proceeds from the summer robotics camps and the classroom grants. Her report is attached.

5. SENG—Lana Webster reported that registration is now open for the fall semester. Flyers have been distributed to the gifted instructors in the district. BVPAGE is the sponsor of SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) in our geographical area. Lana Webster and Andrea Gerry will be facilitating the daytime session. Shelley Kirk and Lois Hutchins will be facilitating the evening session. In the spring of 2015, two supplemental 4-weeks sessions will be offered. Informational flyer is attached.

6. Common Core Standards—Dr. Tonya Merrigan, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction gave her presentation and answered multiple questions from the audience. Dr. Merrigan offered that anyone with questions is welcome to email her. Her power point presentation is attached. A few highlights from her presentation are below:

The Kansas State Department of Education sets the broad standards (ELA, Math, Physical Science, etc.) The Blue Valley School District takes these standards and refines them into our curriculum. Curriculum is revised on a regular basis. Common Core standards do not mandate “how” to teach. Common Core emphasizes going deeper into content. Blue Valley School District believes in local control. BVSD decides what is right for BVSD.