

BVPAGE Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2014

Board Members: Lisa Nickel, Tracy Elford, Lisa Johnston, Patty Logan, Cathryn Linney, Karen Jordan, Ann Ryan, Jennifer Boutte  
District Guests: Kristin Asquith  
10 Parent Attendees

1. Lisa Nickel welcomed the group, explained the use of notecards for questions, and the group did introductions.
2. Cathryn Linney, School Rep Coordinator, asked for any other volunteers to be school rep coordinators who will pass information about BVPAGE to and from the gifted teacher in their home school(s).
3. Tracy Elford reviewed the Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Board meeting from the previous day that gave an overview of the Access program for developmentally disabled students and the Blue Valley Academy alternative high school. Tracy relayed that there are on average 2 – 3 gifted students per semester who attend BVA (though they may not be identified.)
4. SENG Model Parent Groups will be starting up in March with both day and evening sessions. A parent spoke of how helpful the SENG group was to both she and her husband in finding they weren't the only ones feeling isolated parenting a gifted child. In addition, the group discussed ways to spread the registration information to the attendees of the Webb seminar who left contact information.
5. Lisa Nickel asked the group if there were any advocacy issues that they felt needed to be addressed. Topics included:
  - English Language Plus program in the middle schools
  - Gifted classroom time being used for other things (counseling, seminars, etc)
6. Karen Jordan reported that our membership levels are over 400 people. She asked those present to encourage other families and friends to sign up for BVPAGE communications.
7. Patty Logan had reports on several student events:
  - Robotics Share Fair will be held Friday April 25th at the CAPS building
  - Summer Robotics Camps will take place all 4 weeks of June with both morning and afternoon sessions, 2nd – 7th grade students may attend selected sessions
8. Jennifer Boutte relayed that the Summer Opportunities Fair will take place Tuesday February 4th in the High Plains Room at the district office. Several parents mentioned programs that their children had attended that were

highly recommended. Anyone with suggestions may contact Jennifer at [tjboutte@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjboutte@sbcglobal.net)

9. A series of grade level breakout sessions for April has been mentioned as a possible evening event. Discussion will continue with an update at the next meeting.

10. Kristin Asquith had no current updates other than the start of the 2nd semester for all students. Kristin did show the group on the Blue Valley website that under the high school section there is a collection of summer programs and services for students. Though geared at middle and high school students, it is located at:

Blue Valley District Website → Parents & Students → Student Programs & Services → Gifted Education → High School → Summer Enrichment Doc

11. The next BVPAGE meeting will be held Friday February 7th.