

Friday, April 3, 2015

BVPAGE Meeting Minutes

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

BV School District guests: Mark Schmidt; Lisa Wilson, Director of Assessment and Research

Attendees: 27

1. Welcome and introductions—Tracy Elford

Attendees introduced themselves around the room. Kristin Asquith is ill and unable to attend the meeting.

2. President's Report—Tracy

- a. Based on member feedback, BVPAGE will be holding an evening meeting for those who are unable to attend our normal Friday mid-day meetings. On Monday, April 20th at 6:30pm in the High Plains Room, BVPAGE will present two popular topics: Supporting Student Organization & Advocating without Alienating. Students are welcome to attend!
- b. SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) parent group is currently underway with 15 attendees.
- c. Johnson County elections are next Tuesday, April 7. Please do your research and go vote. Advance voting is available until Monday at noon at the Jo Co Election Office in Olathe.
- d. Reminder: Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair is Tuesday, April 7 from 5-8pm at the Hilltop Conference Center
- e. 2015 Summer Robotics Camp registration is ongoing. Openings are still available. Go to www.BVPAGE.org.
- f. Robotics Share Fair for 5th graders is April 24th. Volunteers are needed. Contact Patty Logan at patty.d.logan@gmail.com. Thank you notes from last years' fair were passed around.
- g. The Thursday before spring break, all the gifted teachers met with Kristin Asquith for professional development. BVPAGE provided snacks.
- h. Next daytime BVPAGE meeting is Friday, May 1, 2015. This meeting will be a "Recommendation Session" with a bit of show and tell & "Reuse, Regift, Free-cycle". In an open forum format, we will discuss what BVPAGE has done this past year including financials. Additionally, we are looking for recommendations for future meeting topics (ones to repeat or ones never touched upon) AND product recommendations (books, video games, etc. that your kids love). We would love for everyone to come with 1 idea! Also, bring any games, books, magazines, or products that your kids have outgrown that you would like to regift. We will have a table set up to swap and share items.

3. Legislative Update—Patty Logan

- a. Regarding the upcoming school board election, every voter, votes for all school board positions on the ballot.
- b. House Bill 2104. This bill is opposed by many groups.
- c. School Finance Plan
- d. Please refer to the attached handout for the legislative update.

4. Lisa Wilson, Director of Assessment and Research—Testing and Test Data
 - a. There are various types of data in the system. The piece we are talking about today is Student Learning Data.
 - b. Student Learning Data is viewed from a variety of lenses: Program, Building, Team, & Classroom
 - c. What tests do we give? MAP, KS State Assessments, Explore, Plan, ACT, PSAT, SAT, AP Exams, OECD Test for Schools (PISA), Classroom assessments, Graduate Data.
 - d. Ms. Wilson had attendees break into small groups to discuss: Who uses the data, why do we gather data at each level, how do we use the data, etc.
 - e. After testing, many steps follow including questioning (what other info is needed), predicting, creating visual graphs and charts, making observations (what can we celebrate and what are opportunities for improvement), conclusions (which may lead to more questions), and discussion (Professional Learning Communities are very important here).
 - f. College Readiness—Our kids are doing activities at such a high level. We are preparing students to think at a higher level.
 - g. Habits of Mind— Refer to Ms. Wilson’s attached power point for this great list!! This list is great for all students not just gifted students.

5. Open Forum—
 - a. Regarding the KS State Assessments that are currently going on: several sections of the assessment are in a pilot phase which means that one student may be taking a different test than the student next to them.
 - b. How often are assessments given? MAP testing is done either 2 or 3 times a year. KS State Assessments include 1 sitting for reading and 1 sitting for math.
 - c. Is there an over-emphasis on KS State Assessments? Depends upon perspective (teacher, school, student).
 - d. Is testing tied to state funding? Not right now but possibly in the future.