

Attendees: Approximately 20

Board Members: Amy Gallentine, Heidi Mann, Lisa Nickel, Delora Crawford, Catherine Linney, Christy Kelly, Sherry Geng

### **Announcements**

**Summer Opportunities Fair, Delora Crawford** - February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. More camps and more variety of camps this year! BVPAGE Summer Robotics Camp registration opens that night.

**Brain Blizzard, Lisa Nickel** – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade gifted kids. Date has changed to SUNDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>. 1-3 pm. At Scheels. Fun trivia for kids. Can register as teams or as an individual and we will put them with teams. Registration is open. Contact Lisa if you have questions.

**Summer Robotics Camps, Patty** – Information on website

**Robotics Share Fair**, – April 27<sup>th</sup>, CAPS. 12:15-1:45. We need volunteers to help set up and clean up. Also need a photographer. If interested, contact the president from the website.

**SENG, Lisa Nickel and Delora Crawford** – Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted. Doing a daytime and a nighttime session. Sessions will begin immediately after Spring Break. Registration will be up soon. All districts are welcome. Contact Lisa or Delora with questions.

**NEXT MEETING** – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Creative IEP Goals

### **Naviance with Kristin Asquith**

WE don't want students to be confused about what they want to do without resources.

- Naviance (nah-vee-ance) Family Connections – Navigate+Guidance
- Staff uses Naviance
- Students/Parents – Naviance Family Connection

Program Elements – See presentation for details

- Success planning – creating a plan for a future – getting things done. Keeps kids on track
- Course Planning – dynamic four year planning –
- Career Investigation – looks at the spectrum of careers
- College Investigation – Looks at spectrum of colleges
- eDocs for college Applications – process transcript recommendations requests, manage college application process.

Naviance and the Individual Plan of Study (IPS)

- Kansas requires students to maintain info about post secondary options. Naviance houses this for BV.

Implementation

- Counselors and teachers on behalf of counselors
- Junior planning meetings
- Student Advisory/Guided Study
- Elements included in general ed curriculum

Benefits

- Timely completion of college and career tasks

- Combines interrelated elements
- Ongoing data creates rich, dynamic information
- Facilitates conversations about future plans
- Highlights connection between current choices and future plans. –
- Students actively engaged in decision making
- Parent involvement opportunities
- Assistance in managing college application process
- Tracking and reporting capability for what they've submitted/requested
- Longitudinal data collection

## Safety & Security

## Q&A

- How often do they access it at school vs. working on it at home?
  - Depends on the child. They do some at school. The more they put into it, the more they will get out of it.

All attendees had access as a student to the program.

- Home – This is where you will see Counselor's tasks
- Courses – list of classes taken, grades, when they took it, what kind of credit it gave them.
  - Interesting Courses – can look through course description guide and add to a list for reference
  - Thoughts about my course plans – can journal for these thoughts. (Extended planning starts in 7<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Course Plan
    - Create a course plan
    - Ignore triangles and checks on left side
    - If not sure kids should take AP classes, talk to counselor and gifted teacher.
    - Choose a plan – start with basic
    - Modify courses
    - Review and Finalize
    - Scan your plan – shows you where you are in relation to what colleges you are interested in and their choices
  - Colleges
    - Colleges I'm thinking about – allows kids to make a list
    - Colleges I'm applying to – info about where students are in the process.
    - College lookup – loads of information about every school
    - Super Match – Allows students to filter by many criteria. Pick those that are most important. This is available through the parent view as well. Parents can also make suggestions within the program.
      - How many colleges should kids apply to? Depends on the child. Seven is probably typical, but some students apply to more or less—balance is the best approach along with a range of schools (sure things that the student would love, and stretch schools that may be tougher to get into). Also now colleges sometimes will email kids and have the application partially filled out or waive the essay portion after they take the PSAT.
      - Doesn't hurt to have a full ride to somewhere to use as leverage somewhere else.
    - College Match – survey
    - College Resources – kids who are looking for specific things. (Just listing a few)
      - The Common Application – one application accepted at multiple universities.

- Occupational Outlook Handbook
  - College maps – places where kids from your kid’s high school have gone to college or were accepted.
  - Scattergrams – Pick college and enter your child’s test scores. This shows 4+ years of people who have applied from your school and the result of their application. This gives good information, but don’t be married to it. Colleges are creating a culture of a freshman class every year. We can’t predict what that is or what they want. Be prepared for different options for your child.
  - BOOKS TO HELP
    - The Gatekeepers – NYTimes followed admissions committee.
    - The Rock Hard Apps – how colleges convert information into hard data.
- Careers
  - Research tools to look at different careers, what skills are needed, what tasks are, expected income out of college, etc.
  - Roadtrip Nations – Themes are fantastic.
- About Me
  - Strengths Explorer – Great resource for the corporate world. This can only be done once – sophomore year through school.
  - Resume – allows them to plug in information and keep track of it. At this point it can’t be exported, but it’s a good place to hold information.
- My Planner