**CHARTER and VIRTUAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Sept. 4, 2024 Minutes**

**WELCOME**

Robyn welcomed everyone and had the new members introduce themselves and then introduced Julie Ewing and Juanita Anderson from KSDE.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

 There were no minutes from the last meeting, so no action was taken.

 Jody then asked that someone move and second for approval of the agenda. Rhonda Trimble moved and Brooke Blanck seconded.

**Open Positions:**

New Members still needed. Also, Robyn would like to have a student on this committee as well. So if anyone has a student who would be willing to serve, please let Robyn know. Another thought it might be good to have a second State Board member on the Council.

 **Links:**

 **Virtual Information link**:- Virtual Schools (ksde.org)

 **ASQ Information**-Kindergarten Readiness (ksde.org)

 **Dyslexia Screener/Information-** Dyslexia (ksde.org) Screener Information-in high school administer to those who have never had one or those that you think need it.

**Counting KIDS Workshops**- Fiscal Auditing (ksde.org) If you have not yet attended this year’s Counting KIDS workshop, you should do so. There is a lot of helpful information being passed out. Things change from year to year, so it is good to know the latest changes so you can be ahead of the game. Robyn pointed out that she had gone to one and received a booklet that tells exactly what you need to have ready and put on the report. There are mandatory uploads required this year. There is an “Ask the Auditor” zoom coming up in Sept. Tuesday, Sept. 17, Wednesday, Sept. 18, and Thursday, Sept. 19. There are two sessions each day…sign up for the one you prefer. Call 785-296-4976.

**KIDS vs KEDS**- KIDS is becoming KEDS. For two years these programs will run parallel to each other. Then it will be KEDS only.

**UPDATES:** Changes keep coming-be aware of them

 Idle time locks virtual students out after so long, and they might be working on something educational. They need to adjust the rules for virtual schools. The maximum for idle time now is 60 minutes. Be sure to mark down the number of hours a new student has coming into the school year; makes it easier to know how many credits he has and how many new credits he earns each year.

 **Graduation plan**

 IPS- know what is in the plan, what the child is taking, when he is set to graduate,

 Off-Line Log not used much anymore

 Connect with your auditor; the more they know, the better they can help you and spend time with you in discussions.

 You can find a list of the auditors on KSDE’s web page.

 Robyn will follow up with Laurel about offline activities. There is no real answer but would like ideas to use.

Lots of discussion and good suggestions came from this.

**Enrollment Handbook-**be on top of what is in there-know what you have. Pages 18, 20, 49 and 73 apply to virtual schools.

**Fall PD- Learning palooza-**everything will be online-different rooms, different places DLAC

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **Count Day: September 20,2024-Oct.3**

 **Fiscal Year-**begins July 1-virtual schools have some concerns about when their classes can start. Different answers from different auditors. Rhonda said she was attending a Counting KIDS workshop tomorrow. She will ask Laurel and get back to everyone.

**Special Education Guidance-**If you need help, call Robyn. Just remember to treat all the same; take care of them and yourselves. Contact Lydia Hunnehake

**Transcript Challenges-** Auditing -get the transcript through the districts (3 days maximum for the transcript to be transferred.)

 **Enrollment**  **Challenges: [part time/ home school students coming in with minimum credits} -**none really- Power School do you do it directly or some other way?

  **Residency requirement-**student must present a document that shows that the student is actually a Kansas resident-not enough credits in one year?

 **KSHSAA-**new rules (clarified); students from virtual or home school that want to play sports; confusing credits (transfer problems) The new rules do not fit virtual schools very well.

Form is more from one brick and mortar school to another, not to a virtual school. Parent has to go to KSHSAA to get form. Student has to reside in the district before they can play.

Lots of loopholes; some of them were discussed.

**BOARD OUTCOMES –** Nothing

**CONFERENCE FEEDBACK**  Feb. 14 and 15.

**Next meeting is Dec. 11, 2024.**

Brooke Blanck moved the meeting end and Amy Wickwar seconded it.