

**TASK FORCE ON BLIND STUDENT ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL PERFORMANCE
BLIND TASK FORCE (BTF)**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Committee Representatives
May 10, 2016

For information on the BTF, visit <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels>.

Members in Attendance:

Ellen Clapper
Linda Coccovizzo
Dacia Cole
Stacy Hamlett
June Lenk

Bonnie Lenz
Diana Lawson
Shari Scott
Louise Whitworth

Guests:

Darla Butcher
John Coccovizzio- Driver for Linda Coccovizzo
Justin Cole – Driver for Dacia Cole

Members Not in Attendance:

Karla Arnold
Donna Borgmeyer
Geoffrey Barney
Stephen Barr
Marilyn Nickolaison
Reeda Rippee

There were no handouts or presentations for this meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions – Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m. L. Whitworth conducted Roll Call.

Approval of Agenda – Motion made and approved to accept agenda for today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Motion made and approved to accept minutes from February 9, 2016 meeting.

Directions to Prison for tour following meeting were provided to the members by Ellen Clapper.

Bylaw Changes regarding Quorum and Membership term length were reviewed and accepted by members – D. Lawson

Children's Vision Summit – D. Lawson

- Sub Committee will schedule a conference call to discuss logistics for 2017 summit. An agenda will be provided to Regina Miller once the call has been scheduled.
- D. Lawson requested that, effective immediately, Bonnie Lenz will be the committee chairperson and will take over planning for the summit. D. Lawson will assist as needed. All questions, comments and ideas should be directed to B. Lenz.

- Date: November, 2017 to possibly coincide with AER Fall Conference (Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired). Saturday was suggested to make it easier for parents and teachers and other professionals to attend and present.
- Keynote Speaker: Carlton Walker
- Venue and Lodging: Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia; Cylvan Garden Center, Columbia; Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia
- Breakout Sessions: 3 key sessions- Transition, Social/Emotional – How to be a kid in this society with vision challenges, Assistive Technology
- Other areas of interest to consider:
 - Braille
 - Extending transition activities to include role play, interviews, etc.
 - Book Share
 - Braille Books for Door Prizes
 - A Resource List for distribution to participants
- Possible sponsors to consider/contact:
 - Wolfner
 - Lighthouse
 - Alpha House
 - MOAT
 - Guide Dogs
 - Lions Club
- Funding – Ask for donations toward a specific piece related to the summit and NOT to individuals or Blind Task Force
 - Lodging Costs (Reserve Rooms)
 - Food
 - ATV Expenses
 - Venue Expenses
- Thumb Drives – Need sufficient time to ensure that all materials can be collected and put on to jump drives for participants prior to the summit. Otherwise, presenters will need to be made aware that it will be their responsibility to provide handouts at the summit.
- Exhibitors:
 - MO Spin
 - MPACT
 - First Steps
 - Parents as Teachers
 - Guide Dog Association
 - NFB

Agenda for next scheduled meeting on August 2, 2016

- DESE Changes
- New Federal Standards – How will this affect “students succeeding”?
- **Paul DAmico to present College and Career Readiness using MO Connection and implementation the College and Career Readiness Wheel. (If Paul is unable to present, I will email you the name of the coordinator who will be presenting.)**
- Yoga for the Visually Impaired Presentation – Julie Johnson – Natasha Babler
- Contact Devon and/or Kyle Borah to present at the August or November meeting.

Ellen Clapper made members aware of recent personnel addition and a current job opening.

- Children’s Specialist (ECSE) starting June 1, 2016
- Current opening for Transition Coordinator (WIOA). Will send Regina the Job Announcement to send out to BTF members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. – Members went to Missouri State Prison to tour Center for Braille Narration from 12:00-2:00 p.m.