

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

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Committee Representatives
August 6, 2013

A regular meeting of the committee representatives of the Task Force on Blind Student Academic and Vocational Performance Blind Task Force (BTF) was held via conference call and was called to order at 10 a.m. pursuant to the notice sent to all directors in accordance with the bylaws. For information on the BTF, visit <http://dese.mo.gov/se/btf/>.

The following committee representatives were present:

- Stephen Barr, DESE Representative
- Donna Borgmeyer, Rehabilitation Council for the Blind Representative
- Doreen Frappier, Parents of blind or visually impaired students attending public school in Missouri Representative
- Diana Lawson, Public School Building Principals Representative
- Dacia Luck, Consumer Organization: National Federation of the Blind Representative
- Keith Roderick, Department of Social Services Representative
- Patti Schonlau, Consumer Organization: Missouri Council of the Blind Representative
- Diane Stockman, Teachers of the Visually Impaired Representative
- Louise Whitworth, Teachers of the Visually Impaired Representative
- Patty Yocum, Missouri School for the Blind Representative

The following committee representatives were absent:

- Devon Sgroi, Student Representative
- Ian Shadrick, Institutions of Higher Education Representative
- Deana Griffin, Employers Representative
- Julie Brown, Public School Special Education Administrators Representative
- Mike Charland, Orientation & Mobility Specialist Representative
- David C. Ekin, Employers Representative
- Kelly Helmick, Public School Building Principals Representative

Guest(s): Anthony Blade, Blindness Skills Specialist; Lori A. Moore, School Administrator Representative nominee

Patti Schonlau, Chairman, presided and Regina Miller, Administrative Assistant, Office of Special Education, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions: Patti Schonlau

1. Roll Call of BTF Members: Louise Whitworth
2. Review and Approval of August 6, 2013, BTF Agenda:
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda for today's meeting was approved.
3. Review and Approval of April 23, 2013, Minutes:
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes for April 23, 2013, meeting were approved.

4. Introduction of Guests/Visitors and Public Comments: No guests/visitors or public comments. *P. Schonlau*
5. Presentation: Janet Moore, Center for Braille and Narration
Handout – Brochure
6. Review Vision Summit participant evaluation summary
L. Whitmore sent out mass email to participants asking that if they did not complete an evaluation at the close of the summit, to please complete the online summary provided with the email. Percentage of returns on the evaluations: 73 completed w/ 129 total participants or 52%.
 - Excellent response. Maximum enrollment of 75 reached.
 - Only 2 people who pre-registered did not attend conference.
 - Issue with “Walk-in’s”
 - L. Whitmore kept a list of registrants (200+) not able to accommodate and will contact for next conference.
 - “No Walk-in’s” should be clearly noted on the next conference brochure.
 - Location should be carefully considered for next conference to make sure that accommodations are adequate for number of participants.
 - Time Constraints prevented opportunity for more hands-on sessions or Q& A opportunities.
 - Make sure to have sufficient number of sessions.
 - Designate specific tracks (Geared specifically for parents, teachers, professionals, etc.)
 - Repeat breakout sessions to allow more participants to attend sessions.
 - Should conference be held each year? Every two years?
 - Lab sessions allowing for more hands on participation.
7. BTF Membership Update – Current vacancies: 2 – Student; 2 – Parent; 1 – Education Administrator.
8. Standing Committee Updates (All committees are working on arrangements for the Summit.)
 - Academic and Vocational Services:
 - Children’s Vision Summit:
 - Rules:
 - Student Achievement:
9. Current Workshops:

April 27

Sensory Processing with Kay McCarthy Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments, St. Louis - For additional information, contact: Lisa Rohr, Early Intervention Program Coordinator, 314-776-1300, ext. 102.

Resilience in Deaf Children with Drs. Debra Zand and Katherine Pierce and Karen Lister and Cindy McMurtrey - Hosted by Outreach Services, Missouri School for the Deaf at Deaf Inc.- St. Louis. Contact Larry Hoard, 573-592-2543 or larry.hoard@msd.dese.mo.gov.

April 29

Vision Summit for Parents and Educators of Children with Visual Impairment/Blindness: Transition through the Ages-Birth to Adulthood-Columbia - Contact: Diana L. Lawson, 573-722-3584, ext. 110 or 117 or dlcat44@yahoo.com

August 10

Special Education Law for Students that are Deaf/Hard of Hearing with Heidi Atkins Lieberman - Hosted by Outreach Services, Missouri School for the Deaf-Fulton. Contact: Larry Hoard, 573-592-2543 or larry.hoard@msd.dese.mo.gov.

October 1-3

Session I: Hand In Hand: Understanding Deafblindness for Education Teams of Students Who Are Deafblind- Francis Howell School District Offices, St. Charles - Contact: Susan Bonner, 314-776-4320, ext. 3255 or susan.bonner@msb.dese.mo.gov.

January 14-15, 2014

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10. 2013 Meeting Dates/Locations – The next meeting for the BTF is August 6, 2013, at the Truman Building Room 500, Jefferson City.

11. Agenda for August 6, 2013, meeting – No items were indicated.

Motion to Adjourn – Motion made. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.