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Board's Retreat Meeting

The 2011-13 Board had a retreat meeting on Saturday, July 23rd. The meeting was very productive with a 100% participation by the Board minus a vacant 2013 Chairperson from Olathe. Everyone brought in these side dishes for lunch break, and they were so delicious. The meeting produced a few important items:

2012 KAD Picnic/Workshop

KAD Board and Hutchinson Association of the Deaf (HAD) members are coordinating with each other in preparing for the picnic/workshop on Saturday, June 16, 2012. KAD Board is taking care of a workshop title and presenter(s) while HAD members take care of admissions, catering, etc. More information will be coming in January 2012. Let's go there and have fun!!

KAD's New Laptop

Wonderful News! The new Mac laptop is currently in progress, and already approved for donation from a company for the educational purpose, and is solely used for KAD's website. This laptop was approved by the members for up to \$2,000.

KAD Sponsors KSD's 150th Anniversary

Since the \$2,000 sponsorship was approved by the members at the conference, three (3) free combo ticket were given away in the chance drawing for 150th Anniversary Celebration: Trisha Waddell (Miss Deaf Kansas 2011-13), Elizabeth Radcliffe and Mark Tauscher. Congratulations to these three individuals. KAD will have its exhibition booth at KSD, and please come and visit!!!

Level 3 Interpreters

There is one motion (refer to KAD-CONF-11-03) regarding the KCDHH maintaining a System of Certification for Level 3 Interpreters. However, after much consideration after receiving several concerns via email and videophone, the Board's decision is to refer this motion to KCDHH's The Kansas Plan: Transition to the National Certification Task Force. Reports to the Board during each meeting for the next two years will take place instead.

NLTC 2011 Conference

The Board are yet to make a decision to send a few delegates to National Leadership Training Conference 2011 at Millennium Hotel Minneapolis, 1313 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minn on September 15-18, 2011. As soon as NAD releases the workshop titles and presenters information, the travel arrangements will be made by August 26th, with a maximum of six (6) delegates.

2012 NAD Confernece

The 2012 NAD Conference will be held in Louisville, KY on July 3-7, 2012. They have these wonderful entertainments such as Churchill Downs Horse Racing, Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Muhammad Ali Museum, 4th Street Live and Steamboat Rides. NAD has not released any information such as combo rates and room rate yet. As soon as this information is announced, we let you know. The Kansas delegate consists of President in the first order, followed by Vice President and Secretary and numbers of alternatives.

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Established in 1909

Incorporated in 1911

2013 KAD Conference

The 2013 KAD Conference will be held in Olathe during the summer, hosted by Olathe Club of the Deaf (OCD). The site of conference will be announced in a few more months. If you are interested to be on the committee, please contact Lorrie Shank, President of OCD, email: olathedeafclub@yahoo.com. There are several people interested to be on the committee already!

Miss Deaf Kansas Ambassador News

Submitted by Angela Arnold

The plan of Mr. and Miss Deaf Teen America Program is held at Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in April of 2012. I plan to work, setting up the new Mr Deaf Teen Kansas after KSD's 150th Anniversary events. When chosen for this position, he works with Renate Rose, Miss Deaf Teen Kansas 2011-12 as a teamwork. There is an event, Olingo Dinner, planned on Saturday, August 27th at Olathe Club of the Deaf (OCD) for fund raising in support for the trip expenses down to Florida.

Trisha Waddell, Miss Deaf Kansas 2011-13, plans to attend at the annual picnic in Topeka on Saturday, August 20th to give her presentation. Please come and meet Trisha there!

If you are interested to have either of these for any public events, please contact at MDKSAP@gmail.com.

Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)

Submitted by Kim Symansky

2011 Summer Tidbits:

Sound Beginnings (newborn hearing screening) and Sound START (train the trainers in the Early Invention field

in the state) have been showing their accomplishments of their hard and excellent work for the families who have Deaf/Hard of Hearing babies and toddlers. Sound Beginnings recently shared their impressive report. Last year, the loss to follow up on the babies failed the Newborn hearing test was at 62.2%. This year, it is at 47.8%, while the national average of loss to follow up is at 45%.

The Sound Beginnings also started distributing the cute CRIB cards to all Kansas hospitals. When the babies go home, the parents will have the crib card to take home. The crib card is the report of their baby's hearing test. The follow-up appointment will be scheduled on the crib card if the baby did not pass the hearing test. Regardless of the result of the hearing test, the crib card also outlines the milestone language development from birth to 36 months. The crib cards help the parents to remember the follow-up appointment and/or review their baby's development.

KSDE is proud of our 4 K-12 educational interpreters who recently graduated from their 3 years program at University of Northern Colorado (UNC) this month. They had worked hard in their on-line courses during the school years, and stayed at the UNC for 3 weeks in the summer to be in ASL education environment (no spoken language - voice off) and learned from excellent and skilled ASL teachers.

Future conference schedules for 2011:

July The 2011 Annual Special Education Administrators Conference in Wichita with a theme, "Where IDEAs Connect." The conference covers the topics of Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), Legal issues, The Kansas Technical Assistance Network (TASN), Early Childhood from Part C (0-3) to Part B (3-21) and few more.

August

Deaf Self-Advocacy Training for Trainers in Overland Park, I am eager to develop an understanding of the national initiative of Rehabilitation Service Administration, of the curriculum objectives, and identifying strategies for providing Deaf consumers the tools and resources to advocate themselves successfully.

September

I will attend Multi-Tier Support System (MTSS) conference in Wichita. The conference will be about the Numeracy and the Challenge of Learning to Read.

October

Council for Exceptional Children Division on Career Development and Transition. The topics of Assessment and Instructional Strategies to Promote Self-Determination and Assessment for Transition planning from the Basic to Recommended Practices.

November

I will be in Arizona for the Training and Assessment Systems for K-12 (TASK12) advisory board meeting. Educational Interpreters and TASK12 is a multi-state assessment program for interpreters working in educational settings. TASK12 is a partnership of 14 states and the center for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE), which provides educational interpreters the opportunity to evaluate their skills. Each state department of education special education director makes up the partnership.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Kim at ksymansky@ksde.org.

Future KAD Board Meetings

November 19, 2011 in Wichita

April 14, 2012 in Great Bend

**June 16, 2012 - KAD Picnic/Workshop
in Hutchinson**

Fall of 2012 - TBA

Spring of 2013 - TBA

KAD Conference in Olathe - TBA

Subject to change at any time