


KAPS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 1998
NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP
ELIZABETHTOWN, KY

EC members present were: Alan Mullins, Ruth Bewley, Laura Dillard, Connie Adams, Patsy Thompson, Michelle Gadbury, Mike Norris, Laura McGrail, Angie Chandler, Sharla Fasko, and Marty Kent.

Angie Chandler moved the minutes be proved as amended and Mike Norris seconded it. The KAPS minutes from the December 12th meeting were officially approved with five minor changes noted.

Bob Kruger, Chair of Planning & Development, was not present, however, discussion was opened by Alan stating that Angela Wilkins, KDE Liaison, would like to have a deadline of June 30th to get KAPS position responsibilities reviewed. Alan wants to arrange specific plans for annual review of position responsibilities.

Membership Chair, Shelly Tisdale, was not present either but Alan had a report from her. Membership is currently 254 including purging those who aren't maintaining membership status. Sharla and Erin Richardson, Region 3 Rep, were thanked for their work on this. Sharla wanted it to be noted that her address was wrong in the directory. It is Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. Sharla stated that the address was correct in the front of the directory where reps are listed.

Newsletter Chair, Laura McGrail, reported that the next deadline for KAPS Spring issue is April 3. Discussion took place that a reminder closer to the time the information is due might be more useful. Laura M. decided that two weeks before the deadline would be used as the reminder deadline timeframe. Marty Kent, Treasurer, wanted an abbreviated treasurer's report in the newsletter after the conference meaning the winter issue only. Marty proposed that the report be submitted at that time and Patsy Thompson seconded it. Laura M. also stated that she will accept E-mail.

Alan stated that, at this point, there is still no executive secretary. He felt that the person hired for this position would be best suited to be in a location near the KAPS president currently serving. There would be advantages to that convenience. It was mentioned that the position would pay about \$8.50 an hour. There was also discussion about getting a scanner for about \$150.00. Results of the treasury report indicated that about \$533.00 had been spent on the newsletter so far this year. The newsletter has a budget of \$2400.00. Alan queried whether we should devise a contract of limited employment. Currently, the newsletter is sent to Tony Wilson, secretary of KASA. Laura M. made a motion to purchase a scanner and Mike N. seconded it. Laura M. will also start sending out our newsletter to the newsletter editors of the other 49 states.

Michelle Gadbury, Public Relations Chair, reported that school psychology pamphlets are available and could be passed out at KASA's fall conference. School psychology

pamphlets need to be stocked up. It was felt that there needed to be a set amount for Public Relations in two areas (1) items buyable from KAPS (profit) and (2) items giveable from KAPS (giveaway). Possible items to sell might be mugs or golf shirts. Giveaway items might be post-it notes, magnets, pens, stress balls, clipboards, etc. The more you order, the cheaper it gets. It was suggested that \$1,000.00 be allotted for PR items giveaway and sellables. Angie C. moved to allot that amount and Laura D. seconded it. It was proposed that the monitoring of the liaisons to other organizations go through the PR Committee and be cosigned by the KAPS President. Michelle G. will send out a letter to all liaisons to report activities.

The Legislative Committee report was given by Connie Adams, the Chair. HB 100 is in the Senate Committee. This is the bill that gets school psychologists in the state statute as school administrators. Jim Batts, liaison to KPA, wrote Sheila Schuster, Executive Director of KPA, about HB 100. Wayne Young of KASA was also contacted concerning the Bill. KPA has been revising their own by-laws and KPA has officially put KAPS in their by-laws as a group for which they have a liaison.

Connie discussed the marriage and family therapy (MFT) legislation to engage in independent practice. Connie wonders if we should promote our master's level people. Other fields seem to be getting into the assessment practice field. For example, MFT counselors can hang out a shingle while master's level school psychologists cannot work on their own. On a national level, there is a promoting of master's level psychologists.

Another issue mentioned was the UK ~~Behavioral Functional Assessment~~ behavioral specialists program that has been developed. This program is to assist school districts in behavioral manifestation assessment by having a specialist on board to do those assessments and train other staffers in the techniques. It is felt by KAPS EC that that is a role school psychologists should be able to fulfill. There is a market we are not filling or, possibly, being allowed to fulfill. If we had more time away from other duties, more school psychologists could do specialized things. The question is, "What is our response via KAPS?" It's a duplication to have these other programs. We can do these things. We need to continually profess our expanded roles and let districts know they have these things covered with a fully certified school psychologist. It was discussed that the problem is that we have too little manpower to cover all our roles. Then we end up looking foolish if we say we can get all the various demanding roles accomplished and we can't handle it due to lack of time and manpower. Not only can we look foolish but the districts can end up contracting which is always a threat in the schools. It was mentioned that it is frightening to get add-ons on other certificates. The regulations don't require a psychologist but an "evaluator specialist" to interpret test reports. For example, it was suggested that KAPS could offer an outline for a functional behavioral assessment 1 or 2 day training to others and offer this package to the state department. The origination of this program was through UK Professor Mike Nelson who filed for a grant with no set program in mind. The individual would come out with a "Behavioral Specialist" ~~degree or~~ certificate after a certain number of classes. It is not a degree or certificate from the department of education. School districts might hire an LBD teacher

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to get this endorsement and then develop interventions and have them zoom in on "potential EBD kids".

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Program for the 1998 KAPS Convention was discussed by Mike N. Mike showed a replica of the new ~~state~~ award from Louisville Stoneware and everyone thought it was very attractive and an appropriate change. Other convention news had been passed out and discussed at the spring training workshop held earlier today.

Marty Kent gave the treasurer's report. Marty passed out an assets report as of 3-6-98. Marty has to yet to receive \$700 in receipts from the '97 convention and Judith Watkins will be asked to assist in this. Angie C. moved KAPS EC accept the treasurer's report and Laura D. seconded it.

The KY Dept. of Ed. Liaison report was provided in a handout to the EC from Angela Wilkins via Alan M. Please refer to this document for update of issues. No discussion was generated from this document.

Alan mentioned that it is school psychology month nationally in April and PR co-chair, Michelle G. will promote us in KY publications.

Regional News

Region 1: Alan reported that on March 11 a regional meeting would be held in Lake City, KY. A clinical psychologist will be discussing the issue of diagnosis in childhood.

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Region 2: Laura D. reported that on Nov. 7th a meeting was held in Bowling Green and 35 attended. Functional Behavioral Assessment was discussed by Debra Myers and Barbara Locker discussed the issue of Medicaid. Laura has been encouraging people to be regional rep and to nominate others for awards.

Region 3: Erin was not present but had told Alan that the assessment role, planning the KAPS '98 convention and having brown bag seminars for in-service credit have been the main activities since December.

Region 4: No report, rep. not present.

Region 5: Angie C. reported that the region met in December. Peggy Blanton from KDE provided a Q & A session on "issues" such as academic processing doing re-evals, etc. Angie reported there was a decent turnout of members. Robin Pope, KSD psychologist, was cited in Today's Psychologist on the issue of involving parents in the assessment process such as inviting them in while administering a WISC-III.

School

Region 7: Sharla F. said the region welcomed a new member, a new school psychologist in Ashland (Boyd Co.). This was good news for the profession in KY because this particular district had contracted "forever" prior to this. The Director of Special Ed. said she loved having a full time school psychologist and will get an intern for next year.

Region 8: Rep not present- no report.

Ongoing business Alan discussed was if KAPS was going to donate to the NASP Minority Scholarship Fund. EC decided to donate \$250.00. A donation to the NASP Children's Fund Auction would be a KY handmade blanket.

KAPS Policy Development for liaison requirements would be presented to the whole membership for a vote.

EC discussed KAPS' response to the Blackmer project. This is a marketing firm out of Indianapolis that has a program for drug and alcohol use prevention. Alan felt that it could be used on a trial basis as long as it is researched based.

KAPS new member certificates have been mailed out at a count of 26.

KASA submitted Alan's KAPS article to the KY School Leader. KASA is making an effort to include in their conference sub-groups' interests like ours.

Those members who want to publicize or promote John Murphy's book are welcome to do so.

The outline for the upcoming KAPS election: Nominations are to be sent to Alan by April 1st. A letter will be sent to nominees. They have a two week period to respond. Approximately April 15th, voting ballots will be sent out.

from Arrangement for specific plans for annual review of position responsibilities : Alan will request a review of each position ~~and send to Bob K. Planning & Development Chair.~~ *Alan will then contact each position member individually regarding specific methods for evaluating fulfillment of duties*

KAPS best practice and Regional It was felt that award nominations are needed six weeks in advance. Susan Burgan, Past President, is in charge of this. A mailing will be sent out in two weeks about the awards process.

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NASP has an official "Spank Out Day" and opposes corporal punishment as does KAPS. The question was introduced, "Does KAPS want to make a formal statement/effort like to KDE on this issue? It was determined that KAPS would not officially respond at this time.

Alex Thomas, upcoming NASP President, requested an updated membership and cross-referenced it with state members. NASP members are encouraged to join their state organization...the question being, "As a state, why aren't you in KAPS and not just NASP?" The question could be reversed for some.

The last topic discussed from the agenda was arranging the next EC meeting date and location. ~~All eight regions are up for nomination.~~ Alan thought it would make sense to combine the April and June meetings and have one bigger one in June. Connie A.

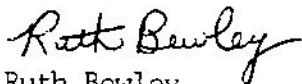
motioned to schedule our last meetings combined in that way. Ruth B. seconded it. The KY State parks or other state rate places (held during the week for good rates) are being considered. The meeting date would be some time in June. One example might be to have a dinner the night before, meet all day the next day and leave late that afternoon. There might be a possibility that KAPS would pay for the room and dinner. Michelle G. will assist Alan in planning that.

Currently there are nine reps, treasurer, president, president-elect, legislative chair, secretary, and some other committees which would amount to approximately 30 people. EC voted to spend \$600.00 on the next EC meeting.

In other late mentioned business, Ray Roth, KAPS school psychologist of the year, was given \$500.00 to go to the NASP Conference (which had previously been approved).

Laura D. moved the meeting be adjourned and Angie C. seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ruth Bewley
KAPS Recording Secretary