

**MINUTES OF THE  
DISTRICT SITE COUNCIL OF  
DISTRICT 497- LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

January 18, 2018

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

**Community Council Members**

Alee Phillips  
Chris Souders

**District Representatives**

Anna Stubblefield, Interim Superintendent  
Rick Ingram, BOE Member  
Kathy Johnson, Executive Director, Finance  
Keith Jones, Principal- South Middle School  
David Cunningham,  
Darcy Kraus, Director, Elementary Principals  
Lisa Koppes, DSC Member  
Terry McEwen, Director, Assessment, Research &  
Accountability  
Laurie Matney, DSC Member  
Dawn Downing, Deputy Clerk

**Absent**

Bob Byers  
Myron Graber  
Kelly Jones, BOE Member

**I. Reports and Discussion**

- KESA Information-Rubric for the R's (Relationships, Responsive Culture, Rigor, and Relevance)

Terry McEwen provided an update on Kansas Educational Systems Accreditation (KESA). KESA is the new accreditation system in which Kansas school districts, as a whole, will be accredited and not by individual buildings.

- KESA Framework is based on the Five R's which evaluates school improvement efforts-
  - Relationships
  - Relevance
  - Responsive Culture
  - Rigor
  - Results ("Final 'R'"= outcome of the other 4)

All building leadership teams completed a rubric on all the R's. Terry provided the summarized information that the district administrators compiled. As opposed to just having the committee review a full set of blank rubrics, admin felt it would be more practical to actually see/review how our schools responded and then react to that set of responses.

After review and discussion, district admin will need to select 2 of the R's as official district/system goal areas to focus on for the accreditation cycle. We will obviously work on all 4 but 2 will be the major focus for the next 5 years. This information is also being shared with building site councils for input. March is the deadline to determine our 2 R's.

As we move forward, feedback and direction will be provided by this group (DSC).

- **Superintendent Search Update**

David Cunningham shared that the board held special meetings on January 16 and 17 to interview 5 individuals for the superintendent vacancy.

As a recap, more than 900 individuals were contacted about the open position. 60 individuals applied. The team from Ray & Associates presented 11 candidates they believed met the criteria that the board of education set. Of those 11 individuals, 6 were chosen for initial interviews. One individual accepted another position during this process so 5 were interviewed.

Next week, the board will announce its 2-3 finalists. Instead of involving specific stakeholder groups in the interview process, as we have done in the past, the board will provide an open opportunity for anyone in the community to meet finalists at individual meet-and-greet receptions. Attendees will have an opportunity to share input with the board after meeting the finalists by completing "candidate impression forms." The Meet & Greet receptions are scheduled for January 23, 24 and possibly 25

The tentative date to announce the new superintendent is January 29.

Rick Ingram, board member and DSC member, shared that the current search firm (Ray & Associates) has been tremendous to work with through this process. He was extremely happy with their expertise and guidance.

- Next meeting date – February 15, 2018

## **Adjournment**