

# **Greater Kansas City School Counselor Association Governing Board**

Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2019

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Greater Kansas City School Counselor Association Governing Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on February 26, 2019 at the Raytown School District RSECC Building in Raytown by Kandace Caldwell.

## **Present**

Kandace Callwell, President  
Nate Zier, President-Elect  
Paige Schillig, Secretary  
Jennifer Northcutt, Membership  
Cara Long, Professional Recognition  
Jill Krickbaum, Treasurer

## **Absent**

Becky McIntyre, Past Co-President  
Jennifer Grossman, Past Co-President  
Angie Sharp, Public Relations/Communications  
Andy Schuerman, Government Relations

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved following an addition to the budgetary summary.

## **Summary of Business**

*Bylaws.* The bylaws were voted upon at the Spring member meeting. Members approved a change to bylaws to move President Elect, President, and Past President from two year terms to one year terms.

*Budget.* The treasury report was given by Jill Krickbaum. The GKCSA balance at time of report was \$8290.07. A one hundred dollar check was provided to Carolyn Roof for providing the Spring professional development (PD). Flowers for professional recognition were \$49.01. Expenses for the Spring Banquet are expected.

*Government Relations.* The following legislative updates were made available:

- There are some bills that would have a pretty significant impact on PK-12 education -- such as the bill that would allow younger children to begin Kindergarten and charter school expansion bills -- but not any major legislation that directly impacts school counselors. Our lobbyists are working with those from other education associations (i.e. MSTA, NEA, school principals' associations) to monitor and lend support/opposition as necessary on these bills.
- A few bills affect A+ eligibility and one would allow A+ benefits to be used for dual credit classes taken in high school before graduation, something that has previously been prohibited. This has some benefits but may also cause complications, one of which is to diminish benefits overall for students if this becomes too costly and legislators may reduce dollars awarded.
- Weekly updates will continued to be emailed. Andy Schuerman is having trouble getting these delivered in some districts, likely due to the filtering of messages sent to a large number of recipients. He continues to experiment with the maximum number of recipients can be sent a message at one time to maximize his time and ability to get these messages through!

*Membership Relations.* There were 66 attendees at the Spring 2019 meeting/professional development. Prior to the meeting, GKSCSA had 255 memberships. Individuals interested in GKSCSA leadership should speak to a current leader. The position of Secretary is available as constituents voted current Secretary, Paige Schillig, to President Elect as of July 1, 2019. Congrats to Jill Krickbaum for being re-elected as Treasurer.

Consideration was given to sending communication to Directors of Counseling Program advertising GKSCSA and meeting dates/times for next school year.

*Professional Development.* The governing board continues to request feedback from constituents on the quality of professional development offered and also seek recommendations for future sessions.

*Professional Recognition.* Congratulations to this year's GKSCSA winners!

- Elementary School Counselor of the Year: Lisa Raney (Crestview Elementary; North Kansas City School District)
- Middle School Counselor of the Year: Hilary McLaughlin (Maple Park Middle School; North Kansas City School District)
- Secondary School Counselor of the Year: Dana Combs (Liberty North High School; Liberty Public Schools)
- Administrator of the Year: Jennie Alderman (William Bryant Elementary, Blue Spring School District)

- Director of School Counseling of the Year: Dr. Jermaine Wilson (Kansas City Public Schools)
- Counselor Advocate of the Year: Amy Barrett (Raytown High School, Raytown Quality Schools)

*Public Relations/Communications.* Angie Sharp requested photographs of the professional recognition winners to promote and congratulate.

*Spring Banquet.* Nate Zier asked for assistance with menu options for the banquet. The banquet will be \$25 per person including two entrees, two vegetables, salad and dessert. The options will most likely include brisket, stuffed chicken, macaroni and cheese, roasted red potatoes, asparagus/carrots, and green beans. It will be located at Drumm Farm Center for Children. Beer and wine will be for sale at the banquet, and an emcee may be contacted to host the event. GKCSA must provide centerpieces and decor. Invite to be sent to members soon.

Discussion was led on future years banquets including consideration to have sponsors to offset costs, ideas to improve attendance, moving to a breakfast celebration, or the possibility of discontinuing the banquet. Kandace Callwell reminded the board that our bylaws require three meetings a year, so if the banquet was discontinued, another meeting or substitute would need to be scheduled.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Kandace Caldwell.

Minutes submitted by: Paige Schillig