Rex Richardson called meeting to order at 7:01pm and welcomed DSC members and explained the accreditation processes over the years using Advanced Ed, NCA, and QPA. He explained that USD218 decided last year to go with KESA which is the state adopted program so we could streamline using one system rather than using KESA along with Advanced Ed allowing USD218 to focus on one set of terminology, etc. KESA is free which is a benefit as well. USD218 has chosen to start the KESA process in year 1. The building chair team was sent to Sublette for training on KESA and found out we are doing some things already to be in line or maybe even ahead of where we thought we were.

Mr. Richardson had members of the DSC introduce themselves.

Mr. Richardson continued by explaining we need leadership driving this council and we needed to elect a Council Chair from the stakeholder members of our DSC. He asked for volunteers and through nominations and unanimous vote, SarahJessica Shrauner, was elected as DSC chair.

DSC will meet one more time during this school year and then reconvene in the fall of 2018 with regularly scheduled meetings.

Mr. Richardson played a video with Randy Watson which reviewed Kansas’ vision for educators. (KansasCan). He explained the cycle for our system would be a 1-5 year cycle depending on where we chose to begin the process. He also explained the outside validation team that will be used to assist the schools in the KESA process.

Mr. Richardson explained that we wanted various representations from the area to help USD218 in the KESA process and that is why we asked those that are present here tonight.

Michelle Hanes gave handouts with the Kansas Vision for Education and results from the 4-R’s teacher round table sessions. She explained that 55 teachers were divided into three groups to review the 4-R’s.

Mrs. Hanes explained we need to think out of the box about the foundation structure and compliance. She then went over the 2-R’s we have chosen to focus on which are Relationships and Relevance.

Mrs. Hanes explained we need to look at the vision and mission statements for USD218 and gave us handouts of vision and mission examples from various companies. We need to consolidate each building mission into one mission for USD218. Even thought budgets have been cut we can still dream and look forward.

Mrs. Hanes assigned homework! The team is to brainstorm Mission and Vision statements and bring them back to the representatives or to the next meeting.

Mrs. Hanes explained the OVT visit that would be April 3rd. The OVT will be in our district yearly for five years to help us improve not judge us.

Mr. Richardson and the team set the next meeting date as May 7th at 7pm.


Adjourned at 8pm