



Visionering Wichita  
Mentoring Alliance Meeting  
January 8, 2009  
Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Russell Miller, Glenda Kruse, Teresa Hatfield, Mark Eby, Kendall Heier, Bill Hanna, Terry Behrendt, Donovan Karber, Patty Gnefkow, Lyndon Drew, Ella Todd (via phone)

**December minutes approved.**

**Visionering Update:**

The 3R Initiative is underway. During February we will bring out the document, review what has been accomplished, revise if needed and refocus going forward.

**Benchmark Rationale:**

Current Education Foundation Pre K-12 benchmark:

*All schools and districts meet the Kansas Adequate Yearly Progress Plan (AYP) each year.*

This is a moving target which cannot be met every year. Each year the percent that must be reached to meet AYP increases. It does not show improvement. A school can make AYP one year but not the next because of the changed requirements. A school can improve and still not make AYP. This gives the community the perception that the school is failing when in fact it is improving. It is possible NCLB will change under new president's administration.

It is recommended the benchmark change to Schools of Excellence. Schools of Excellence looks at school, grades, subject as a whole to tell the story of schools improving. It is a common target with a common goal across the state. To achieve School of Excellence 90% of students at a grade level must pass in math/reading. How this is measured has stayed consistent each year unlike AYP which changes each year.

There is nothing at the state level to show the outcomes of mentoring. Each agency would have to do this. Perhaps working with the Gold Start programs would be a place to start.

Handout Standard of Excellence (SOE) for 2007-2008

<http://www.visioneringwichita.com/minutes/mentoring/Handout%2010809%20Standard%20of%20Excellence.pdf>

Handout Excellence Summary by District over time

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## **2008 Mentor Numbers**

Currently being gathered.

## **Marketing**

*Pamphlets* – at the printers – need by Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Billboard* – waiting on contract – has been designed.

*Website* – registered – goal is to complete by next week – needs to be done before the billboard is up.

*Kansas Mentors Update*

Handout Kansas Mentors Connection December 2008

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/mentoring/Handout%2010809%20Kansas%20Mentors%20Connection.pdf>

- Mailer to legislature next week
- LED billboard at the K-State basketball games through March
- Proclamation from the governor
- Press release – mid-January
- Coach – approved a thank you letter
- Launch Facebook page mid-January
- Articles to all state agencies for their January newsletter – refers them back to Kansas Mentors
- Not sure about editorial from Coach
- Annual conference – April 14 in Topeka – will send out an RFP for breakout sessions
- Kansas Mentors website – link to PSAs
- Obama ad for National Mentor Month will be emailed to Diane for distribution
- Coaches challenge for 2009 in the works
- Hired an intern
  - Work on training & technical development plan
  - Focus on developing a plan to ramp up recruitment at the state employee level

## **Next Meeting**

No alliance meeting scheduled. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Education Strategy meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the WSU Metroplex, Sudermann Room.