

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS  
LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
July 26, 2024**

The July 26, 2024, meeting of the Literacy Advisory Committee Summit was held at Phillips Fundamental Learning Center located at 14533 E Sharon Lane, Wichita, KS 67230.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cindy Lane
Suzanne Myers
Nikki McDonald
Laurie Winter
Idalia Shuman
Howard Smith
Carolyn Carlson
Heather Morgan
Beverly Schottler
Laurie Curtis
Diana Mendoza
Martha Mendoza
Randy Watson
Ben Proctor
Susanne Martinez
Ed McKechnie
Jeanine Phillips
David Hurford
Mike Hill
Amber Pagan
Judi Price
Dana Hensley
Nick Mancini
Blake Flanders
Kelly Oliver

**Welcoming and Opening Remarks**

Regent Jon Rolph welcomed members and guests to the summit.

Dr. Cynthia Lane gave an overview of the day and mentioned that the Blueprint is about forward movement.

Drew Wilburne, Kansas Health Foundation, introduced the committee to the Literacy Data Walk. Members were divided into groups and each group read and made observations of different facts about literacy. Drew encouraged each group to bring new people into the conflicts, collectively explore data challenges, and to mobilize champions.

Mission: Possible – What We’ve Learned was by delivered by Dr. Reid Lyon, National Institute of Health. He stated that as we implement the Blueprint for Literacy, we must ask ourselves:

1. Can we rely in replicated scientific findings?
2. Can we master a common language?
3. Do we have the patience for the difficult road ahead?
4. Can we park our egos in long-term storage and design, lead, and teach with open minds?
5. Do we clearly understand why we must take on these responsibilities?

Dr. Lyon said it will take a lot of money to develop coaching models to re-teach teachers on how to teach children to read. He stated it will also take several years and that it took Mississippi six years.

Jan Davis shared the Points of Light video and then introduced the Educator Panel. The panel included Bishop Wade Moore, Jill Hodge, Brook Janice, Wendy Fox, Jennifer Friend, and Tammy Hoke. The panel answered questions from the audience and shared their own thoughts on teaching children to read.

Next, Dr. Lori Severino and Donna Hejtmanek shared information on Bridging Science to Practice and their experiences. They also shared their Facebook page The Science of Reading: What I Should Have Learned in College.

Dr. Lane shared that the promise of the Blueprint Action Team has a goal of Every Child A Reader by 2033 and 100% of Elementary workforce achieve a micro-credential in the Science of Reading/Structured Literacy.

The committee then broke into action teams with the mindset of a four-pillar approach including Educators, Leaders, Research, and Institute/Centers.

The next meeting is August 20, 2024, 1:30-3:30 at the Kansas Board of Regents office, Topeka, KS.