

## ***KAIRS Today May 2009***

### **Welcome!**

This is the monthly electronic newsletter of the Kansas Association of Religious and Independent Schools (KAIRS). *KAIRS Today* is sent as a service to KAIRS members across Kansas. Each issue will also be available on the KAIRS Web site at <http://www.kairs.org/>.

Our goal is to keep you informed about legislative, regulatory and national news, and educational issues. Contact Corey Reese, editor, with questions or concerns – [crkairs@yahoo.com](mailto:crkairs@yahoo.com).

*Editor's Note: This is our final edition for the 2008-09 School Year. We pray for a restful and refreshing summer for all our members, their students and families.*

### **MAY ISSUE:**

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### **SUMMARY OF KAIRS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15**

Present were: Nick Compagnone, Holly Goodwin, Shelli Kadel, Terry Tilson,  
By webcam: Corey Reese, Carol Parker, Bunny Hill, Stephen Bralley

### ***Alternative Accreditation Update:***

A response from Alexa Posney regarding our current proposal has not been received. The Executive Committee agreed to send a letter and packet to each State Board of Education member about KAIRS and the issues surrounding alternative accreditation. Nick and Corey will write the letters and create the packet by May 20,

Training on presenting the packet will take place before the packets are delivered so that our message is clear. After informing the Board Members about KAIRS, we hope to take additional steps in the fall. Holly agreed to coordinate approaching the board members from Independence, Ark City and Wichita. Nick will take Liberal and will research other members to be approached. (See list of members below)

### ***Annual Meeting Discussion:***

The dates for the next KAIRS annual meeting were set: February 8 and 9. Ideas for improving the annual meeting and for next year's theme were discussed. Importance of Hall of Fame nominations was stressed. Nominating information will be widely publicized in the fall, in order to ensure members are aware of deadlines.

Other details of the 2009 meeting were noted and will be taken into consideration during planning for 2010.

Possible topics for next year's meeting are as follows:

- Tax Credits: Nick has contacts from Arizona that might be of assistance. The KC Diocese might be interested in this topic as well.
- Breakout session suggested for federal funding.
- Financial assistance to elementary and secondary schools to be presented.
- NCEA/CAPE: national accreditation for private schools, our partnership with AdvancED.
- Universal Preschool

### ***CAPE Meeting:***

Nick reported on the CAPE meeting he attended earlier in the spring – highlighting the impact of the stimulus package and current federal funding changes. With the stimulus package, the states were to receive 50 percent of the funding by April 1<sup>st</sup> with the rest received by October 2009. This funding is in addition to the regular funding that is available from the government. Nick presented a slide presentation that walked through the details. The document can be found at [www.ed.gov/print/policy/gen/leg/recovery/implementation.html](http://www.ed.gov/print/policy/gen/leg/recovery/implementation.html).

### **JOHN TAYLOR GATTO TO SPEAK AT NORTHFIELD SCHOOL MAY 22**

All are invited by the Northfield School in Wichita to hear a wonderful speaker, John Taylor Gatto, Saturday, May 22, 10 am.

*From the Northfield School:*

John Taylor Gatto, the author of *Dumbing Us Down*, *The Exhausted School*, *A Different Kind of Teacher*, *The Underground History of American Education*, and *Weapons of Mass Instruction*, will be speaking in Wichita at 10 a.m. at the Convocation Hall, May 22 at Northfield School, 701 E. 37th St. N. If members are interested, please contact [ken@northfieldschool.com](mailto:ken@northfieldschool.com).

### **KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

Please take a moment to review these members. If you know any of them or would be comfortable making an appointment to introduce them to KAIRS and our mission, please contact Nick Compagnone at [nickcom@aol.com](mailto:nickcom@aol.com).

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### **IMPORTANT 2009 – 10 DATES**

February 8, 9 KAIRS Annual Meeting

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