



SAN LUIS VALLEY BOCES

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC)

Minutes

February 9, 2021

Mr. Travis Garoutte (SAC Chair) called the regular meeting of the Superintendent's Advisory Council to order at 11:04 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Crispell to approve today's agenda, Ms. Marsha Cody seconded the motion, all in favor. February 9, 2021 SAC meeting agenda was approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Wilson to approve the December 8, 2020 SAC meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brian Crowther, all in favor, minutes approved.

Associate Member Reports:

Adams State University: Renae Haslett reported that ASU received the RISE grant and excited for the upcoming meeting on moving forward with the grant. Concurrent students are doing well with the new semester. Random COVID testing with all staff and students will continue through out the semester. ASU received the Next 50 grant; grant is for those 50 and older. Workshops through the summer. If districts have professional developments let Ms. Haslett know for possible credit. Curtis Garcia spoke regarding the RISE grant; working with partners and looking to moving forward with it. Submitting a course through department education to fulfil the K-3 Read Act. Sara White assisting with this course. ASU will be sharing the information when it's available with hope to use it towards a degree. Ms. Tina Goar spoke on the licensure requirements through CDE. Mr. Travis Garoutte spoke regarding ASU's spring break dates; March 14-18, 2022. Stating that SLV Superintendents would like to voice their suggestion on the 2021-2022 dates. Mr. Garcia is unaware if dates are finalized but will look further into it.

CDE/Rural Liaison, Field Services Manager: Not in attendance.

Directors/BOCES Reports:

Mrs. Tina Goar, Executive Director: Spoke regarding the continuing work on the revised job description of the San Luis Valley BOCES Executive Director due to the new administrative model. Mrs. Goar, Mr. Travis Garoutte and Ms. Tina Freel have met and reviewed the details of the description. Mrs. Goar shared the revised description highlighting the edits. Mr. Garoutte spoke regarding a 360 evaluation for this position and other BOCES positions. Ms. Goar also reported

that the SLV BOCES staff attended the required the Title IV training and received good feed back from staff. If SLV districts are interested in having the training for their staff to contact her and she will contact the instructor.

Special Education Director: Mrs. Stacey Holland reported that BOCES has lost 2 paras due to health conditions. BOCES staff has been included in the Alamosa School Districts COVID vaccinations schedule. The Autism training that was scheduled for March 5th has been rescheduled. When new dates are known Ms. Holland will send it out.

Assistant Special Education Director: Mr. LJ Garcia updated on para status. Preschool students with higher needs are supported with a part time para. Service providers have been providing services to those remote and finding parents are not support as much as earlier in the year. Student goals are not where they should be at this point. Providers are reaching out to schools for support to help with parents. Also, if districts have concerns with providers or anything related to the Special Education Department to contact both Stacey Holland and himself.

Action Items: None

Guest Reports:

Erin Minks; Senator Bennett's Aide: Senator's office wants to touch with rural districts. Ms. Minks asked for comments and concerns that districts have would like her to take back to Senator Bennett. Mr. Brian Crowther spoke regarding funding and increased demands to districts. Ms. Minks asked how the RISE grant was structured for the San Luis Valley districts. Mr. Garouette explained what Valley districts did regarding applying for the grant district/ASU. Mr. Chris Burr gave his option on school funding. Ms. Martinez gave her concern regarding the RISE grant application process; districts, BOCES and Adams State University. Mr. Chris Burr explained how COVID has impacted rural districts in learning loss. Ms. Carrie Zimmerman spoke regarding the impact of state-wide assessments to students, staff and districts. She stated local data can be used for accountability at this time. If anyone has any more comments or concerns for Ms. Minks or Senator Bennett may contact Ms. Minks at Erin_minks@bennet.senate.gov or (303) 746-2069.

Standing Reports (Updates):

- **CHSAA** – Mr. Curt Wilson spoke regarding the retirement of Bert Borgmann. Mr. Wilson also updated on the number of fans that can be allowed at sporting events due to the change in the COVID status in counties.
- **Legislation and Regulation:** Dr. Emma Martinez stating that the Supplemental Budget was passed. The highest amount that a district will lose will be 2%.
- **Rural Alliance:** Mr. Travis Garoutte stated that SR2
- **Rural Education Council:** No new updates.

- **Blue Peaks:** Mrs. Stacey Holland shared that Day Services is still closed due to COVID.
- **SPL/IML League Athletic Director's:** Mr. Scott Weideman reported that Athletic Directors are working on scheduling for upcoming seasons. Middle school started practice yesterday and games next week. High school starts practice next week with games the following week. Still working on volleyball schedules. Valley swim team has not been able to find a swimming pool to practice. Possibility no valley swim team this year. Sunday contact rule is being addressed again with bigger districts. Wrestling schedule is being worked on; regionals and state tournament will look different. Mr. Weideman spoke regarding how duals will hurt smaller schools.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:49.

Respectfully submitted by,
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