

**San Luis Valley BOCES  
Superintendents Advisory Council (SAC)  
November 12, 2019.**

Mr. Rob Alejo (SAC Chair) called the regular meeting of the Superintendents' Advisory Council to order at 11:07 a.m.

The following Superintendents were not in attendance:

Mr. Chris Burr, Del Norte  
Mrs. Christina Larson, Moffat  
Mr. Scott Wiedeman, Monte Vista  
Mr. Curt Wilson, N. Conejos  
Mr. Brady Stanger, Sangre de Cristo  
Mr. Darren Edgar, Sierra Grande

A motion was made by Mr. Brian Crowther to approve the agenda, Mr. Collin VinChattle seconded the motion, all in favor. November 12, 2019 meeting agenda approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carrie Zimmerman to approve the October 8th, 2019 SAC meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Emma Martinez, all in favor, minutes approved.

**Associate Member Reports:**

**Adams State University:** Mrs. Renae Haslett presented information regarding a recent grant award at ASU. The grant is funded by the National Geographic society, the grant will allow for Teacher Professional Development and will allow middle and high school Science and Social Studies teachers to become certified National Geographic educators. Once the teachers are certified they will have access to significant teacher resources and lesson plans. The grant will allow for reimbursement for substitute teachers in order for general education teachers to attend the workshops.

Mr. Dana Province, Department Chair at the ASU Art Department presented a Support of Concept for the proposed ASU Fire Trailer. The trailer will be a mobile Hot Shop for the ASU art department. The Art department received some start up Grant funding to build and utilize the trailer to go to the partnering San Luis Valley school district sites for metal casting, metal forging and ceramic firing on a small scale. The proposal is directed to Art and Science teachers with the anticipated outreach to Science teachers. There is a potential for Continuing Education credits at the school district for teachers. Approximately ¼ of the funds required to meet the \$20,000. Dollar amount to build out the fire trailer have been raised. Students at the school district will be allowed to participate with the guidance and oversight of the ASU art department and ASU art students. Mr. Dan Province shared his contact card and a form (Support of Concept) for Superintendents and community members to sign to demonstrate interest and support. The Continuing Education credit proposal needs to be further developed with the assistance of the interested and participating school districts. ASU has attempted to collaborate with the school districts on PLC dates with limited success.

Mr. Curtis Garcia presented updates from the ASU Teacher Education program. The ASU Teacher Ed Program is hoping to recruit a Cohort of high school Juniors and Seniors for Project Serve Grow Your Own Teacher training slated for spring 2020, it is an opportunity

for Junior/Senior high school students to explore the profession. Curtis also shared information regarding the student of record credentials through ASU. The CO state legislature in 2018 passed a bill to allow student teachers in their final year of prep to serve as full time teachers of record to meet the teacher shortage demand. Curtis and the Teacher ED program are developing guidelines and consistency for the process of submitting the teacher of record application. The process needs to be completed in a rapid fashion to process the paperwork and the Teacher Education department is encouraging the school districts to partner in the Teacher of Record process if the need arises.

**CDE/Rural Liaison, Field Services Manager:** Mrs. Denille LePlatt (Director of Rural Services) was not able to attend today's meeting.

**Directors/BOCES Reports:** Mrs. Nita McAuliffe shared important information regarding upcoming trainings. November 21<sup>st</sup>, the BOCES lawyer representative Alyssa Burghardt will be doing a presentation on 504 plans.

**Discussion Items:** The Board Collaborative is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>. The new Executive Director job posting has been promoted by Dell McCall and in January the hiring committee will come together and preview all the position applications. The Interview Committee make up is still being decided. There has been a discussion about assigning two separate interview committee groups. Luron Singer revised the educational stability grant due to confusion about what district will be receiving from the grant. Budget reports were provided to the attending SAC members. BOCES is now using PEPPER for induction and alternative licensure. If an educator wants to get ELL credits online they can register for it online. Also, there are remaining grant funds available for SAC members that want to pay district grant writers \$50.00/hour up to \$7,000.

**Guest Reports: Fundraising with the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition.**

Mrs. Meg Mercier presented information to the ASC group about opportunities to bolster Farm to School and locally grown agricultural products for school districts Food Service directors. There are numerous benefits to eating locally produced foods, shelf life, taste and continued healthy diet options, to name a few. Local Farmers benefit from providing their goods to local institutions and schools. This year, the Colorado State Legislature passed House Bill 1911-32 "Local Food Program Act" has earmarked \$500,000 from CDE to reimburse food service directors budgets that have committed to purchase and serve local foods. School districts that have more than 25% or more of students that are on reduced or free meal programs will be prioritized. The deadline to apply for the funds is November 26<sup>th</sup> and schools that are awarded the funding will be selected on March first 2020. The Rio Grande Farm Park is an education and environmental education resource. The Farm Park is working on building a greenhouse for aquaponics and will be raising funds for the initiative. The Farm Park collected data form the SLV food service directors and found that there is a significant demand for dark leafy green vegetable products and they expect that they can stimulate revenue by securing commitments from local district food service directors. There is also an option for community members to host micro-fund raisers by hosting a "house party" with friends and family that may be able to donate to the initiative. The Aquaponics greenhouse cost is approximately \$175,000 and the organization has approximately one third of the necessary funds remaining to be raised (\$59,000).

**Standing Reports (Updates):**

- CHSAA – Mr. Curt Wilson was not present.
- Legislation and Regulation, a designated representative has not been voted on or assigned.
- State Accountability/ Rural Alliance: Mr. Travis Garoutte presented information regarding the preliminary conversations of the 2020 fiscal year budget. Drafts will be available soon. The CO state joint budget committee is discussing Mill Levy adjustments. There is an RFP for SAT and ACT contract proposals.
- Rural Education Council: Mr. Curt Wilson was not present.
- Blue Peaks- Mrs. Nita McAuliffe noted that the next Blue Peaks meeting would be on 11/13/19.
- SPLIML League Athletic Director's meeting: Nothing to report presently.

Mr. Rob Alejo {SAC Chair} asked if the attending SAC members were in continued support of the Superintendents PLC meeting to commence at 9:30. There was no opposition expressed by fellow SAC members to continue at the December 2019 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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