

**San Luis Valley BOCES  
Superintendents Advisory Council (SAC)  
September, 10 2019.**

Mr. Rob Alejo (SAC Chair) called the regular meeting of the Superintendents' Advisory Council to order at 11:08 a.m.

The following Superintendents were not in attendance:

Mr. Chris Burr, Del Norte

Mrs. Christina Larson, Moffat

Mrs. Brady Stanger, Sangre de Cristo

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Wilson to approve the agenda, Mr. Darren Edgar seconded the motion, all in favor. September 10, 2019 meeting agenda approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carrie Zimmerman to approve the August 13, 2019 SAC meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brian Crowther, all in favor, minutes approved.

**Associate Member Reports:**

**Adams State University:** Mr. Curtis Garcia presented updates from the ASU Teacher Education program. ASU is preparing their Centennial anniversary and part of the celebration is designed to acknowledge teachers in the profession. The ASU Teacher Education department is slated to re-introduce two pathways. The Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Endorsement pathway will be returning in the spring of 2020. There will also be an option to earn the Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Endorsement and a Master degree simultaneously. Additionally; beginning next summer there will be a vehicle to obtain the Initial Teacher Licensure and their Master's degree. This is essentially a re branding of previous ASU Teacher's ED program formally called Masters Plus. The first Teacher of Record at the Monte Vista district has gone through the process with ASU Teacher's Education department's currently working full time under the TOR credential and ASU's Teachers Education department is familiar with the process and can make the option available to districts that have the need.

**Adams State University:** Mrs. Renee Haslett shared information regarding Concurrent Enrollment for High School students. The state has approved new legislation for Concurrent Enrollment. "An Education Provider cannot unreasonable deny approval for Concurrent enrollment, or limit the number of post-secondary courses of which a qualified student may enroll". There is a grant titled "Enrollment Expansion & Innovation Grant. The deadline is in October and Renee will be sending out more information about the application process. The grant will allow for funds for student to take more concurrent enrollment classes or the funds can be used to allow for district teachers to pursue a Master's degree so that the teachers are qualified to take concurrent classes at the district. Senate bill 19-176. "The act clarifies the differences between concurrent enrollment, dual enrollment, and other programs that enable a student to earn postsecondary credits while the student is enrolled in high school. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, each school district, charter school, and public school operated by a board of cooperative services (local education provider) that enrolls students in grades 9 through 12 is required to provide the opportunity for concurrent enrollment".

**CDE/Rural Liaison, Field Services Manager:** Mrs. Denille LePlatt (Director of Rural Services) updated the SAC group on the Accreditation form deadlines are due on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Request to reconsider deadlines are due on 10/16/19 and drafts for review and feedback are due by 9/18/19. Senate bill 19-176, "Enrollment Expansion & Innovation Grant" letters of intent are due on 9/20/19 and the final deadline for the grant is due on 11/04/2019. The National Dropout Prevention conference will be hosted in Denver from 10/5/19 to 10/8/19 and there is a discounted rate for Colorado school administrators that plan on attending. The Pueblo reading conference is scheduled for 10-10 & 10-11 and will be held in Grand Junction. The Equity and Effluence conference will be held in Denver on 11/24 & 11/25. CDE is reviewing RFP's for the Read Act and they are looking for two rural school district representatives, the commitment involves in person meetings and some work completed outside of the meeting to review applications. Denille LePlatt asked for participants from the SAC group. CDE is streaming some of the state funding applications to make the funds more accessible to rural school districts.

**Directors/BOCES Reports:** Mrs. Nita McAuliffe reminded SAC that there are several new Policy revisions that are going before the SAC board of directors. Family First funding may affect moneys awarded from the CO Department of Social Services. Linda Mood Bell testing representatives will be at BOCES in October to review the data for each district that has participated. There were 58 induction candidates and 15 Alternative licensure teachers this year.

**Discussion Items:** The MOU for the 2019-2020 is lacking some signees. Mrs. Nita McAuliffe has received six signature documents for the MOU thus far and wanted to give a friendly reminder that there are several district that have not submitted the completed MOU's. Funds from House Bill 13-45 were used to purchase Para-Professional Educator Online courses. The expiration for the training website is approaching. There were twenty four individual Para's that utilized the resource. Nita asked the SAC group if they wanted to continue with the purchase and use of the Para-Professional Educator Online resource. The shared cost is approximately \$4,000.00 per year and Nita recommended that the group continue with the use of the Para-Professional Educator Online program and the SAC group will await the data results before a decision of keeping the resource will be made.

**Action Items:** Grant Writing (\$30.00per hour, \$7,000.00 per district) A monthly and mid year review will be taken to determine which district retains funding. The \$30.00 per hour Grant Writing threshold for grant writing duties (outside of the scope of regular duties) will be allowed with a maximum of \$7,000.00 available to each district will be voted on. A motion was made by Mr. Darren Edgar to approve the (\$30.00per hour, \$7,000.00 per district) proposal. Mr. Scott Wiedeman seconded the motion. Dr. Emma Martinez voted nay in opposition to the motion, all other attending SAC members voted aye. The motion was carried and approved.

**Guest Reports: 2020 Census** Mr. Luis Alvarez, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau is tasked with creating partnerships in the greater San Luis Valley to promote the 2020 Census enumeration count. Mr. Alvarez discussed the importance of self-reporting and census respondents for the 2020 census. Statistical projections from the U.S. census predicts lower Census count response. Mr. Alvarez reiterated the need for accurate census counts and how the Census response determines federally allocated funding for the San Luis Valley region of Colorado. Proportionment of U.S. Congressional representatives is determined by the results of the U.S. census count.

**Guest Reports: Behavioral Health Group** Mrs. Bonnie Ortega presented a brief overview of work completed in the 2018-2019 school year. The number of referrals and suicide interventions during school hours at the participating school district. There are three School Based Specialist under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie Ortega with the Behavioral Health Group. The data shared reflects the actions of the School Based Specialists at the school districts. Funding focusing on substance abuse has increased significantly and over all behavioral health funding was reduced. A three tiered structure is being utilized by the participating districts. There is a \$5,000.00 grant available for Universal Screeners (or training) at the individual districts, there is not a deadline for submitting an application. Bonnie Ortega has reminded the attending SAC members that the BHG will require completed MOU's from the participating districts. The MOU was not in place for all the districts in the 2018-2019 school year. The MOU's need to be completed and returned to the state by 9/30/2019.

**Standing Reports (Updates):**

- CHSAA – Mr. Curt Wilson shared that at all state contests will be implementing a Red/Yellow card to be displayed by school representatives for school sporting fans that are being disruptive. There is a shortage of gaming officials again across the state.
- Legislation & Regulations- Nothing to report presently.
- State Accountability/ Rural Alliance: Mr. Travis Garoutte will be attending his first Rural Alliance meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> and will have an update at next month's SAC Meeting.
- Blue Peaks- Mrs. Nita McAuliffe indicated that Blue Peaks would be selling property to offset cost for increased services.
- SPLIML League Athletic Director's meeting will require a representative from each district at all Sporting Events. The agreement is that at hosted games there will be an official representative from the districts. If out of town games do not have the A.D. there will be an appointed representative from the district. At middle school games the hosting district will provide an acting representative for the sporting events.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by,  
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