

**San Luis Valley BOCES
Superintendents Advisory Council (SAC)
September 4, 2020.**

Mr. Travis Garoutte (SAC Chair) called the regular meeting of the Superintendents' Advisory Council to order at 11:02 a.m.

The following Superintendents were not in attendance:

Mr. Toby Melster, Centennial

Mr. Keith Crispell, Creede

Mr. Brady Stanger, Sangre de Cristo

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Wilson to approve the agenda, Mr. Kevin Edgar seconded the motion, all in favor. September 8, 2020 SAC meeting agenda approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Weideman to approve the August 4, 2020 SAC meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Curt Wilson, all in favor, minutes approved.

Associate Member Reports:

Adams State University: Mrs. Renae Haslett introduced the Adams State University's Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Kent Buchanan. Tawney Becker, the Grant Specialist with Adams State University discussed a 33 million dollar grant available for P-20 Innovation fund. ASU is still awaiting a formal RFP. At this stage ASU has compiled preliminary concepts and goals for developing and delivering concurrent enrollment for project based learning opportunities. These goals and concepts will incorporate experiential learning in ASU offerings such as nursing, teaching and business. The idea is to help imbed experiential learning opportunities and internships for high school level and early college level credit bearing internships. Mr. Aaron Miltenberger from the San Luis Valley Boys and Girls Club discussed the proposed SLV Innovation Hub and the partnering goals between ASU the Alamosa school district, Action Lab 360 and the SLV B&GC. Project based learning is the framework for the proposed Innovation Hub and will provide an opportunity for students to do project based learning. The projects can be showcased at the district level or regionally. Marsha Cody has identified eight teachers at the Alamosa to support the pilot project. Tawney Becker discussed the CARES federal grant that is focused on Institutional Resiliency. The grant emphasizes technology, online delivery, remote learning and includes dual enrollment, ASU is currently discussing the application process and there will be a need for partnering school districts if the university moves forward with the application.

CDE/Rural Liaison, Field Services Manager: Mrs. Denille LePlatt(Director of Rural Services) shared information regarding Special Additions of the Rural Services updates as well as regular updates. Due to the rapidly changing developments at the state level there will not be a published Superintendents integrated timeline this year. The Education Data Advisory Committee (EDAC) due date calendar will not be available this year either. Denille will be emailing a link to the CDE Policy Guidance Page to navigate all the new policy changes. There has been a suspension of Educators Effectiveness measure of student learning. There are links on the website on how to evaluate teachers conducting remote and hi brid teaching models. PDE in person instructional opportunities have been

suspended for the foreseeable future. School districts have the option of delaying the implementation of their graduation guidelines until next year, if they so choose.

Directors/BOCES Reports: Mrs. Tina Goar shared new developments regarding alternative licensure. There are currently nine Alternative Licensure candidates and Tina has indicated that she will support districts with any potential new hires and she will insure that the new hires are placed in the alternative licensure program and complete the 225 hours required. The program group meets virtually Tuesday evenings from 5:00 until 6:30. The sessions are recorded and participants can review the meeting recordings can be reviewed if the participant cannot attend the Tuesday evening classes. BOCES has hired a Behavioral Specialist with the EARS grant funding. The position involves MTSS restorative work for grade levels 3-5 and Middle School grade levels. Stacey Holland reported on the IXL online learning platform for our Extended Service students. There will be a CPI training on September 11th. On October 9th there will be a Zoom training presented by the BOCES Special Education attorney for teachers and administrators. The training will run from 9:00 to noon and will focus on drafting legally defensible IEP's. LJ Garcia delivered an update on the 8-27-2020 Zoom training on the topics of Contingency Plans and IEP Amendments process during the pandemic. Early Childhood instruction and need for Para professionals has been moving forward despite the new developments of RMSER no longer retaining the Head Start Program contract. Mrs. Tina Goar briefly introduced Adeline Duarte-Lee, the BOCES new Medicaid billing specialist, she will be working with the various school districts for Medicaid billing of services provided.

Action Items: There were no action items or resulting votes for the September 8, 2020 SAC meeting.

Guest Reports: Cheryl Franklin-Rohr shared new developments from the Gifted and Talented program. Cheryl has written a five year Comprehensive Program Plan, the plan will be submitted to the state for further funding. There has been significant progress in the G/T program and with the diligent work of the participating districts the G/T program is back in compliance with all of the state requirements. This year's focus will be on Parent, family and student engagement. The ongoing work will continue to focus on programming, Identifying students and writing of ALP's (Advanced Learning Plans). There are upcoming trainings on writing ALP's at the Elementary level and secondary level, the trainings will be conducted in October and there is a link to the events on the BOCES calendar. There will be a new Gifted and Talented coordinator training on Friday September 18th at the BOCES. The Gifted and Talented program still requires district Administrators signatures for the Comprehensive Program Plan by September 30th.

Standing Reports (Updates):

- CHSAA – Mr. Curt Wilson indicated CHSSA is reviewing state guidelines and variances that may be necessary for individual districts.
- Legislation and Regulation: Dr. Emma Martinez discussed house and senate bills that have become law at the state level. HB 1135 which discusses replacing High School Social Studies Assessment in terms removing the requirement for the department of education to administer a state assessment in social studies to high school students, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation. HB 1336 which Concerns requiring the satisfactory completion of a course that includes Holocaust and genocide studies as a condition of high school graduation in public

schools. SB20-014, current law requires school districts to adopt a written policy setting forth the school district's attendance requirements. The bill requires the policy to include excused absences for behavioral health concerns. SB 20-095 Starting in the 2021-22 fiscal year, the community college system must work with school districts, boards of cooperative services, the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind, and charter schools to provide information to the parents of students enrolled in grades 6 through 8 concerning concurrent enrollment opportunities available in grades 9 through 12. The community college system may start creating and disseminating the information in the 2020-21 fiscal year if it determines it can do so within existing resources. SB20-175 Concerning the prohibition of indicating an assessment score on a student's high school transcript has passed as well. HB 20-1128, concerning an extension of the employment-after-retirement limitations for retirees of the public employees' retirement association employed by a board of cooperative services after retirement. HB20-1421, the act allows, upon approval of the county treasurer, a board of county commissioners or a city council of a city and county to temporarily reduce, waive, or suspend delinquent interest payments for property tax payments.

- State Accountability/ Rural Alliance. Mr. Travis Garoutte encouraged the group to respond to the Rural Schools Alliance invoice and stay in good standing or for districts that are not members to consider becoming a member. Mr. Garoutte believes the alliance fights hard for rural funding, the invoice can be charged to the CRF funds.
- Rural Education Council: Nothing new to report presently.
- Blue Peaks: Mrs. Stacey Holland shared information regarding Blue Peaks family visit restrictions and the approaching flu season. Day Services staff (case managers) will work remotely from now on.
- SPL/IML League Athletic Director's meeting: Nothing to report presently.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m...

Respectfully submitted by,
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