

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

Mr. Rob Alejo (SAC Chair) called the regular meeting of the Superintendents' Advisory Council to order at 10:59 a.m.

The following Superintendents were not in attendance:

Mr. Toby Melster, Centennial

Mr. Chris Burr, Del Norte

Mr. Travis Garoutte, Mountain Valley

Mr. Darren Edgar, Sierra Grande

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Wilson to approve the agenda; Mrs. Christina Larson seconded the motion, all in favor. October 8, 2019 meeting agenda approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Wiedeman to approve the September 10th, 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. The Teacher Education department at ASU has received a Title IV grant totaling approximately three million dollars over the course of a five-year period. The grant funds are geared to increasing quality teacher education programming at Adams State University. Adams State was awarded a Title V Promoting Post baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA) Grant. The grant totals about \$3 million over the next 5 years and will focus on creating additional licensure pathways for educators including Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education, initial licensure, educational leadership (principal licensure) and a PhD in Educational Leadership. The grant will also include funding for graduate scholarships. Mr. Garcia reminded the group that he is available to support them with Educator Effectiveness/evaluation through his role as a regional specialist through the Colorado Department of Education.

**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 State Board of Education will be adopting the new SPF ratings in November. The state has trained staff available to conduct Accountability or UIP trainings at individual school districts. Training for the 2020 CMAS has been scheduled. 12/15/19 is the deadline to notify CDE if Paper & Pencil will be used as the CMAS primary testing format and for any accommodation requests for the 2020 CMAS. The Computer Science grant is now open; this is an opportunity to have district staff trained for free in Computer Science (professional development). The READ act has undergone some changes. CDE has a survey available through 10/18 and the feedback is very critical to the decision making process in implementing the changes to the READ act, please take the time to respond to the survey.

**Directors/BOCES Reports:** Mrs. Nita McAuliffe shared important information regarding upcoming trainings. On Friday, October 11 there is a Social Mapping training to be held at

the Alamosa BOCES building. The training will go over how to handle and teach Social Expectations to students. The Teacher Retention grants will be kicked out on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. BOCES writes the Universal Screening grants for Gifted and Talented programs, each district needs to have a Gifted & Talented Amendment or a G&T program imbedded within their respective UIP's or BOCES will not be allowed to collect the proposed funds for the Gifted and Talented programs. On 11/20 there is a scheduled board collaborative meeting scheduled. Randy Black will be presenting information on the basics of board members roles & responsibilities. The BOCES have Linda Mood Bell Support kits. Nita has encouraged SAC members to take the kits with them to their district for added support

**Discussion Items:** The MOU for the 2019-2020 is lacking some signees. Mrs. Nita McAuliffe wanted to give a friendly reminder for SAC participants that there are still a few MOU's that need to be submitted.

**Guest Reports: 2020 Census** Mrs. Melissa Busolo, the BOCES Regional Literacy Coordinator presented the data results from the Linda Mood Bell implementation results. Mrs. Busolo provided assessment data from Informs, the standardized LMB database. The data shows pre and post assessment data. There were 69 students that were entered into Enforms, the average age of instruction for students receiving intervention programming was nine years old. The average time of instruction was 80 hours for the school year. Implementation has changed a bit and there is a bit more flexibility for implementing intervention times. Implementation for the 2019-20 year involves a significant amount of support from the ten participating school districts. There are 63 groups this year, up from 40 groups last year. Instructional leadership within the districts is critical to the success, independence and sustainability of the partnerships.

**Guest Reports: Lucy Adams & Loree Harvey: Science Fair:** Mrs. Lucy Adams discussed some new developments in the Regional Science fair. This school year (19-20) the Science fair will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. The contracts for Science Fair have been submitted to the individual districts and the fair coordinators have reviewed the contracts. Lucy and Loree Harvey attended a "boot camp" on scientific review and hope to incorporate what they learned into their roles in the Regional Science fair. Loree shared a Power Point presentation specific to Scientific Research and the new CO state Science curriculum standards. NGSS (next generation science standards) implementation and the challenges of transitioning to the new standards were discussed at length and will be live in the subsequent academic year. The content of Science curriculums will not change, what is slated to change is the way the subject is taught. Loree Harvey reiterated the need for district and staff support and noted the challenges of acquiring adequate funding for Science fair and compensation for the respective districts Science Fair Coordinators. Loree mentioned the need for districts to actively seek out funding and training opportunities. The free subscription to Science News is a cost free resource available to any school district. Mrs. Loree Harvey extended an open invitation to all SAC members to have her come to member districts and talk with the science teams, students and administrative staff regarding existing Science programs and the Science Fair

**Standing Reports (Updates):**

- CHSAA – Mr. Curt Wilson reiterated the new development that at all state contests will be implementing a Red/Yellow cards 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. Mr. Wilson recommended the individual district Athletic Directors get familiar with the new change and post some signage in this regard near the gymnasiums or other places where sporting events are held.
- Legislation & Regulations- Nothing to report presently.
- State Accountability/ Rural Alliance: Mrs. Nita McAuliffe indicates that State accountability is no longer meeting as a sub group. Mr. Travis Garoutte was not present at the meeting.
- Rural Education Council: Mr. Curt Wilson indicated there would be a Rural Education Council meeting on 11/8 at the Stratton CO school district and he will have information to report after the meeting.
- Blue Peaks- Mrs. Nita McAuliffe indicated that Blue Peaks would be selling property to offset cost for increased services and the organization has been reviewing and discussing staff salaries.
- SPLIML League Athletic Director's meeting: Nothing to report presently.

An informal request was made by Rob Alejo {SAC Chair} to have the agenda adjusted the agenda to have the Superintendents PLC meeting commence at 9:30. There was no opposition expressed by fellow SAC members.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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