

ISD ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
May 13, 2016

Members Present:

Gwenn Eyer, Chair
Paula Chance
Deborah Bernak
Juan Bernal
Sheri Cook
Susan Dramin-Weiss
Deb Gossrow
John Miller
Jerry Covell
Serena Preston

Members Absent:

Ben Lachman
Corey Axelrod
Matt Fraas
Kris Smith

Others Present:

Janet Hamm
Jonathan Bordean
Kitty Aubry
Jennifer Satorius
Ed Hoyt
Angie Kuhn
Kathryn Surbeck
Karen Garrett
Jill Bruington
Amy Richards
Lori Niemann
Deloris Summers
Karla Giese

Gwenn thanked everyone for coming and called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Approval of May 8, 2015 and December 11, 2015 meeting summaries – Sheri made a motion to table the approval of the minutes until the next meeting. Juan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lillie Brown, an ISD student, gave a presentation on the 3D printer competition.

Kate Van Valey, an ISD educator, and several students gave a presentation on their trip to the Battle of the Books national competition at Gallaudet University.

Fara Harper and Kathy Mansell, ISD educators and several students gave a presentation on the ITHI Fingerspelling Bee.

Julissa Howle, an ISD student, gave a presentation on the Gallaudet Academic Bowl.

Lille Brown and Michael Lapa, ISD students, gave a presentation on their experience at the Deaf Teen America Pageant.

Gwenn gave her report – Agenda items should be sent to Gwenn and Ed. The meeting summary will be posted once it has been approved..

Expiring terms for council members – Susan Dramin-Weiss made a motion that Gwenn and Paula serve another term. Jerry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gwenn reported that there is one more meeting for this term and then there will be a vacant parent position to fill.

Student Body Government – this item was skipped as there was no one present at the meeting to give the presentation.

Parent Infant Institute – Angie reported that the institute was scheduled for June 12th through June 17th and that there were 18 children signed up to attend.

Serena reported that the other camps are still scheduled, but that the numbers for some of the campus are down from previous years. Some camps could be cancelled if the enrollment does not reach a certain number. A discussion followed on possible ways to increase the enrollment to the camps.

Budget update – No update, as there is still not a budget.

Personnel update – Serena reported that all of the current ISD vacancies have been sent to Springfield.

ISD Superintendent Search update - Serena reported on the ISD Superintendent search – The job is still currently posted, and Kris, along with various staff members in Springfield, is working on making the job posting more visually appealing. Paula and Jerry reported on work being done to revise the qualifications for Superintendent. After discussion, Sheri Cook made the motion to submit an ISD Advisory Council position statement to leadership. The Council's position: both deaf education and administrative licensure requirements remain, as per the administrative code, with the number of years of experience required being changed from 15 years to 5 years. Deborah Beranek seconded and after discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sheri Cook gave a presentation on accessible bilingual education at ISD and her experience and observations in touring the school for 2 days.

Budget – Serena explained that there have been some negative impacts from vendors due to the budget crisis. Some companies may not renew their contracts with the state if they are not going to receive payment. Serena also pointed out that all extras (such as food/snacks at events) have been discontinued unless donated.

Serena acknowledged ISD educator, Sherry Humphries as being selected to be a Fulbright Scholar. She will spend 5 months next year teaching in New Zealand. Sherry also received a grant that will supply ISD with new science equipment. ISD is very proud of Sherry's accomplishments.

Bylaw Revision – Paula made a motion to appoint a committee to review and revise the bylaws. Juan seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was denied.

Juan Bernal gave the membership report. He noted that we have two expiring terms that have asked for reappointments, and that's Paula Chance and Gwenn Eyer. SUSAN DRAMIN-WEISS Motion: I move that Gwenn and Paula stay another term. Jerry Covell seconded and after a brief discussion the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Election of Officers – John reported the nominations of Gwenn for chair, Sheri for vice chair and Paula as secretary. There were no nominations from the floor and the council approved the slate by acclamation.

Set summer 2016 (make-up) meeting date – The make –up meeting was set for June 17, 2016 from 9:00-noon.

Set 2016-2017 meeting dates – Dates set were the 2nd Friday in September, December, March and May from 9:00-noon.

Stakeholder Reports – Deb reported working on ways to get more parent participation with PTSO and also fundraising ideas. Amy reported that the State Board of Education will be providing remote CART services in addition to their live audio streaming of board meetings.

Suggested agenda items for summer 2016 (make-up) meeting – LEAD-K speaker, superintendent search, regular reports, summer camps, report from Kris.

Deb Beranek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheri Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:31pm.