

Illinois School for the Deaf Advisory Council

Meeting Summary

August 21, 2020 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present:

Deb Gossrow, Jodi Miller, Susan Dramin-Weiss, Taylor Ozee, Carrie Tucker, Julee Nist, Glenn Eyer

Members Absent: Charlene Hicks, Karla Giese, Sheri Cook, Quinetta Grant, Kerrie Rawlings

Others Present:

Carolyn Eilering, Michelle Brown, Karen Garrett, Autumn Hoyt, Stefanie Ortman Angie Kuhn, Jill Bruington, Gwenn Eyer

Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors:

- Deb opened the meeting at 9:24 a.m.
- Roll call and introductions were completed.
- It was noted that a quorum was not present, therefore voting could not take place during the meeting.

Reading and Approval of December 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

- Approval of meeting minutes was tabled due to a quorum not being present.

New Business:

- **Donated Campus Golf Carts (Deb Gossrow)**
 - o Deb reported that two golf carts were recently donated to ISD. Julee explained that the golf carts are being stored in a shed near the Health Center so that the nurses have access to them in the event there is an emergency. She explained that the golf carts are also used by herself, Admissions & Records for campus tours and for students who need assistance moving about campus. Julee explained that use is limited so that the carts can be kept in good condition.
- **Student Enrollment & Reasons (Carolyn Eilering)**
 - o Carolyn reported on the current enrollment and the effects the virus is having on enrollment. She reported that only one student has decided to leave ISD because of the decision to go to remote learning for at least the first quarter of the school year. She reported that this student went back to his home school because they were having in person instruction. Carolyn also reported that one TLP student may leave because of on-line learning, but had not made a decision yet. She also reported that three students requested remote learning.
 - o Carolyn reported that ISD has 8 new students this year, 3 high school students and 5 TLP students. She reported that all 8 were disappointed that there would not be in person classes, but decided to stay for remote learning. Carolyn reported that at this time there are only 3 less students than there were at this time last year.
- **Stefanie & Autumn DESSA Presentation**
 - o Autumn explained that DESSA is a general screening of social skills. She reported that the assessment was used twice last year with the PK-8 students. She explained that the teachers

were responsible for the screening by answering general questions regarding each student and that the information is then gathered and compiled, and concerns are discussed with the teacher.

- Autumn reported that they planned to include the high school students in the assessment this year and will proceed with that once in person learning resumes.
- Stefanie explained that the assessment is strength based rather than focusing on weaknesses. She explained that the assessment is a good tool to see where students are at and can be used to set goals for their IEPs.

- **Jr NAD (Joe Vieira)**

- Joe reported that 9 students joined Jr. NAD and that they held a total of 8 meetings. He explained that there is a requirement of 4 meeting per year, but the students wanted to have meetings more often.
- Joe explained that the group was hoping to do some fundraising to help pay for a trip to a Jr. NAD Conference and a subscription to the NAD magazine. The group also wanted to meet with the high school principal about moving the senior pictures from the high school hallway to the museum. They would like to replace the pictures with a mural. The group plans to continue with their plans once it is safe to meet in person again.

Old Business:

- **Membership Terms**

- Susan reported that she and Deb have been looking over the membership terms and that it is complicated as many people have been replaced due to resignation or completion of terms.
- Susan explained that she has the terms organized and will present them and the vacancies at the next meeting since there was not a quorum at this meeting.

Reports:

- **ISD Superintendent's Report (Julee Nist)**

- Julee reported that she sent the council members an email outlining all of the updates that have taken place on campus this summer. She explained that some of the updates included glass doors being replaced at the PK-6 building, a new chiller installed at Main Building, a new truck (that will be shared with ISVI) was purchased that can plow and spread sand, and that roofs were replaced at Cullom Hall and the CTE building.
- Julee reported that letters had been sent to staff, families, and the council members about the rapid changes happening with school this year. She explained that she would continue to send updates and she encouraged everyone to check the website frequently as updates and videos are posted there.
- Julee also reported that there is a virtual tour of the campus posted on the website.
- Julee reported that there are new laws regarding Title IX and that ISD now has a Title IX Coordinator on campus.
- Susan commented that the virtual tour was wonderful and that the ISD campus looks beautiful. She also thanked everyone at ISD for providing remote learning and for everything they have done to help the school function during the pandemic.

- **DHS/DRS Director's Report**

- No report

- **Other Department Reports**

- No reports

Stakeholder's Reports:

- Deb reported that she started having letters sent to ISD departments and staff for various events, such as congratulatory letters for winning awards, and sympathy letters for the loss of family members.

Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Reading and Approval of December 6, 2019 meeting minutes
- Membership Terms

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments.

Adjourn:

- Deb thanked everyone for their patience with the meeting and announced that the next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.