

Illinois School for the Deaf Advisory Council

Meeting Summary

September 2, 2021 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present: Karla Giese, Julee Nist, Taylor Ozee, Carrie Tucker, Deloris Summers, Pam Walker.

Members Absent: Jamal Garner, Jamie Butler, Louis Hammer.

Others Present: Laci Kennedy, Christine Good-Deal, Angela Kuhn, Michelle Brown, Jill Bruington, Allison Fraas.

Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors:

- Karla opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.
- Roll call and introductions were completed.

Reading and Approval of May 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

- Deloris made a motion to approve the May 7, 2021 minutes. Pam seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes from May 7, 2021 were approved.

New Business:

-COVID 19 Updates

- o Julee explained that she previously sent her COVID 19 report to the council members. Julee explained the COVID updates and continued procedures currently in place. Karla asked what kind of testing will be administered for staff who are not vaccinated. Julee explained that ISD will use the 15minute rapid test. Deloris mentioned that children under the age of 12 are not vaccinated and staff working with children should be encouraged to get vaccinated. Julee explained the preventive procedures currently being used by staff and the ISD procedure for a positive case on ISD campus.

-Council Member Recruitment

- o Karla announced that advisory council currently has 7 members. There is a parent position and person with a disability position vacant. Deloris suggested sending a letter emphasizing the fact that most meetings are now on Zoom. Glenn Eyer has resigned due to not having a child currently enrolled at ISD. The council discussed the idea of recruiting parents to become advisory council members by email. It was decided that Karla and Taylor will work together drafting the parent recruitment email.
- o Karla presented her power point explaining the roles and responsibilities of advisory council members. It was noted that the ISD mission statement on the power point was not updated to

the current mission statement. It was also noted that Deb Gossrow be removed from the current council members list and the May 10, 2022 meeting should be changed to May 13, 2022.

- Carrie asked if the person with a disability member is required to be an Illinois resident. Karla will look into the requirements and inform the council members. Karla explained that the members will take an updated group photo during the in-person May 13, 2022 meeting.
- Karla announced Jamal Garner as Vice -Chair, Taylor Ozee as Secretary and Carrie Tucker as Membership Coordinator.
- Karla explained that council members are required to complete 3 annual trainings. Julee explained that members who are having issues with trainings should contact Desa Walls for assistance. Julee shared Desa's email address.

Old Business:

No discussion.

Reports:

ISD Superintendent's Report (Julee Nist)

- Julee reminded council members that she had sent her report to Karla prior to the meeting.
- Julee asked the council to vote on 1 of 3 tigers to be branded for ISD. She explained that the pictures were on the end of her report. Julee presented the pictures of the 3 tigers and explained that pictures may be submitted by current staff members, ISD alumni, relatives, students and by anyone who has a current relationship with ISD.
- Deloris suggested more time to review the pictures. The council will vote at another time.
- Julee explained that new bedroom furniture for the dorms had already been delivered to campus. Dorm living room and dining area furniture will be delivered on September 7.
- Julee explained that Angie Kuhn is now the high school principal and Allison Fraas has been temporarily assigned as PreK-6 principal.
- Julee shared that the PreK-6 principal position is currently posted.
- Karla presented Julee's power point showing the ISD campus updates during the past year.

Other Department Reports

No discussion.

Discussion:

- Taylor and Karla will draft a recruitment email to send out to parents.
- Karla reminded the council members to complete the required annual trainings.

Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Deloris suggested voting on the ISD tiger branding.
- Carrie would like to see an ISD student present during one of the council meetings. Julee will discuss student presentations with the principals.
- Julee will continue to keep the council informed of all COVID 19 updates.
- The council discussed ways to support ISD staff.
- Angie Kuhn shared how PTSO had been supportive in the past.
- Jill Bruington explained that the PTSO link to purchase ISD spirit wear is on the ISD website.

Public Comment:

- No discussion.

Adjourn:

-Deloris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 2, 2021 (Zoom)

Thursday, December 2, 2021 (Zoom)

Thursday, March 10, 2022 (Zoom)

Friday, May 13, 2022 (In person)