

Illinois School for the Deaf Advisory Council

Meeting Summary

May 12, 2022 9:30am – 12:30pm

Meeting held at ISD

Members Present: Karla Giese, Pam Walker, Julee Nist, Carrie Tucker, Taylor Ozee (via phone)

Members Absent: Louis Hamer, Jamie Butler, Jamal Garner, Deloris Summers

Others Present: Jill Bruington, Desa Johnson-Walls, Laci Kennedy, Christine Good-Deal, Jesse Hayes, Jason Weiland

Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors:

-Karla opened the meeting at 9:37am and announced that the council did have a quorum as four of the seven members were in attendance.

-Roll call and introductions were completed.

Reading and Approval of March 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

-Carrie made a motion to approve the March 31, 2022 meeting minutes. Pam seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting minutes from March 31, 2022 were approved.

New Business:

COVID 19 updates

- Julee announced that the most current updated COVID information is in the folders provided to members. Julee reported that masks are no longer required at ISD, there were no positive COVID cases in April, and there have been five positive cases since May 1st.

Tiger Branding

- Julee explained that she has not announced the winner of the tiger branding logo because she is still in the process of negotiating the copyright contract. Julee stated that she would like to announce the winner this Fall.

Nominations/Election of new members/extension of current members

- Karla reported that the council currently has seven members. Jamal Garner's term ends 2024, Taylor Ozee's term ends today, and Jamie Butler will need replaced as members are required to attend 3 out of 4 meetings. After a brief discussion, Pam made a motion to accept Taylor to run for a 2nd term. Carrie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Pam asked if the parent of an ISD student that is employed by ISD is allowed to be on the council. Karla explained that ISD employees cannot be members of the Advisory Council. Karla reported that Deloris Summers' and Pam Walker's terms will end in 2024 and Carrie Tucker's will end next year.
- Desa shared three Advisory Council applications for the position of parent with council members. Tamara Jones, Shirley Wilson and Deb Gossrow sent their applications in prior to the meeting. Karla explained that two of the applicants applied last October but there were issues with the new online application

process and their applications were not seen right away. Pam suggested that the applicants be contacted to confirm their interest in joining the council. Karla read each application and explained that voting needs to take place today. Julee announced that a former council member is eligible to apply after being off the council for one year and that contractual employees are eligible to become members also. Desa reported that Debs term ended in May 2021. After a brief discussion, Carrie made a motion to accept all 3 applicants with individual votes. Pam seconded the motion. Tamara Jones, Shirley Wilson and Deb Gossrow were accepted to the council by majority vote. Karla stated that she would reach out to the three applicants to confirm that they accept. Karla reported that there is one vacant position for a deaf expert and two vacant positions for individuals with a disability.

Nominations/Election of Advisory Council Roles (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)

- Karla explained that she is currently Chair, Jamal is Vice-Chair and Taylor is Secretary. Karla reported that the Bi-Laws mentioned that terms may be 1-3 years. Taylor mentioned that she had only heard of three-year terms. Karla reported that Jamie's term was for three years, and one of the new members will have to replace her with a two-year term left. Deb Gossrow was picked to replace Jamie by lottery. Karla explained that Shirley and Tamara will both have three-year terms.
- Karla announced that the council needs vote on the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary positions and mentioned that she had not received any nominations prior to the meeting. Carrie explained that she could commit to the Vice-Chair or Secretary positions. Pam asked about the responsibilities of Chair. Karla explained that Chair is responsible for creating and posting the agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting, running the meetings, and keeping in contact with council members. Taylor explained the role of Secretary.
- Pam nominated Karla to continue as Chairperson. Karla accepted the nomination. Pam moved to vote on Karla as Chairperson. Karla was accepted to continue as Chair by majority vote.
- Carrie nominated Pam for the office of Vice-Chair. Pam accepted the nomination. Carrie moved to vote on Pam as Vice-Chair. Pam was accepted as Vice-Chair by majority vote.
- Karla nominated Carrie for the office of Secretary. Carrie accepted the nomination. Pam moved to vote on Carrie as Secretary. Carrie was accepted as Secretary by majority vote.

Meeting Dates for 2022 – 2023

- Karla asked council members if Thursdays or Fridays work better for meetings. Carrie announced that she prefers Thursdays. Pam announced that both days work for her and Taylor announced that she prefers Fridays. Karla suggested keeping the meetings on Thursdays. The council agreed on the following meeting dates for next school year:
September 1, 2022
December 1, 2022

March 9, 2023

May 4, 2023

Karla suggested the meetings continue via Zoom and the last meeting be an in-person meeting.

Old Business:

No discussion.

Reports:

ISD Superintendent's Report (Julee Nist)

- Julee announced that there were pictures of CTE classes, pictures of ISD Prom, SIP Newsletter and ISD Student Life Newsletter in the packets provided for them. Julee reported that candy was provided to the teachers and principals and the PTSO provided donuts for Teacher Appreciation Week. Julee shared that ISD Graduation is on May 27th and invited council members to attend. Julee announced that there will be a 1997 ISD alumni presenting this year. Desa mentioned the 5K fundraiser flyer in the packets and explained that proceeds will be used for the out of state travel fund.

Other department Reports

No discussion.

Campus Tour

- Council members toured the ISD campus.

Discussion:

No comments.

Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Karla announced that she would like to review and discuss the Bi-Laws.
- Karla suggested more student presentations.
- Carrie suggested a video if a student presentation wasn't possible. Julee explained that there might not be enough time to make a student video for the September meeting.
- Outreach Presentation.
- PAES Lab Presentation.

Public Comment:

- Jason Weiland from Chicago Hearing Society explained the deaf/blind program to members. Jason stated that the program provides equipment, technology, training, and support to meet the needs of individuals who are deaf/blind. Jason explained that the main office is located in Chicago, and they partner with JCIL. The program covers 5 counties in the northern part of Illinois.

Adjourn:

- Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carrie seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

