

Illinois School for the Deaf Advisory Council
Meeting Summary
March 31, 2022 9:00am-12:30pm
Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present: Karla Giese, Taylor Ozee, Jamal Garner, Carrie Tucker, Pam Walker, Julee Nist

Members Absent: Jamie Butler, Deloris Summers, Louis Hamer

Others Present: Michelle Brown, Angie Kuhn, Laci Kennedy, Todd Williams, Jill Bruington, Desa Johnson-Walls, Jesse Hayes, Erika Baisch (student Intern)

Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors:

- Karla opened the meeting at 9:06am.
- Roll call and introductions were completed.

Reading and Approval of December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

-Taylor made a motion to approve the December 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Carrie seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting minutes from December 2, 2022 were approved.

New Business:

-COVID 19 Updates

- Julee asked council members if they received her report. It was discussed and members did not receive her report prior to the meeting. Julee reported that 78 % of ISD staff members and 63% of eligible students have been vaccinated for COVID. There were 281 rapid COVID tests administered during the month of March with 1 positive case. Julee explained that ISD staff and students continue to social distance and wear masks. Julee reported that information had been sent to the governor's office in an attempt to allow state schools to comply with the same masking policies currently used by public schools.

-Branding

- Julee explained that the winner of the new ISD logo has not been announced yet and that two different legal teams are currently working on the copyright. Julee would like to announce the winner by the end of 2022.

-PTSO Updates

- Karla reported that Deb Gossrow is hoping to have more ISD spirit wear available this year. Karla will inform the council members when new items are available. Karla also reported that PTSO donated \$250 to the ISD cooking class. Julee explained that a board or council is required for approval of the school IHSA membership. Council members discussed which sports were involved. Pam made a motion to approve ISD to renew their IHSA 2022 membership. Carrie seconded the motion. The motion passed and the IHSA membership was approved. Julee reminded Karla to sign the form that was sent prior to the meeting.

-Council Recruitment

Term Updates for Current Members

- Karla reported that the council currently has 7 members and can have up to 12 members. She explained that there are currently several vacancies. Julee explained that the council may have a minimum of 9 members and a maximum of 16 members. Julee reported that the council kept

odd numbers in the past to avoid a tie. She also announced that she will receive Deb Gossrow's application soon. Karla reported that the council currently has two parents of ISD students, and they need one more. Karla also reported that the council currently has two deaf members and three members who specialize in deaf education. Karla announced that she is in her 2nd term and all other members are in their 1st term. Taylor's expires in May, so the council will need to vote on upcoming members. Karla reminded the council that members are eligible to continue when their terms expire. Karla reported that Jamie's expires in 2024, Jamal's expires in 2024, Deloris' expires in 2024, Pam's expires in 2024 and Carrie's expires in 2023. Karla reminded members that the May meeting will be in person on Friday **May** 13, 2022 at ISD. Jamal mentioned that he will be attending the Deaf Olympics and will be unable to attend. Carrie mentioned that she is waiting for approval to miss work for the meeting. Karla encouraged the council to recruit new members and mentioned the application link in the chat box. Pam asked which groups needed more members. Karla reported that if Taylor stepped down, they would need one in deaf education. Carrie asked if the recruit letters were sent home with students. Julee reported that the letters were sent out via Skylert and offered to send them out again. Pam asked if members who are parents are required to be the parent of an ISD student. It was discussed and agreed that parents who are members are required to be the parent of an ISD student. Karla encouraged members to think about who they would like to nominate for chair, vice- chair and secretary. Karla mentioned that members may nominate themselves and informed the council that she will send the By-Laws again.

Old Business:

- No discussion

Reports:

-ISD Superintendent's Report (Julee Nist)

- Julee reported that students traveled home early and transitioned to E-learning on February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th due to snow. Julee also announced that February was CTE month and the students in woodshop class made tables and charcuterie boards to raffle. Jill Bruington reported that over \$2,000 was earned from selling raffle tickets and all winners were from outside of ISD. Jill explained that the money earned is used on student trips and supplies for classroom projects. Julee shared the Admissions and Records monthly report and explained that there were 195 ISD students on February 10, 2022 and that number has increased to over 200. There are approximately 18 potential new students. Julee also shared the Power Plant report and explained that ISD is in the process of updating the security system as well as installing a fire suppression system in the ISD Administrative Building. ISD is also in the process of replacing several roofs, chiller units, doors, sidewalks, steps and brickwork. Julee shared that there are also plans to replace the asbestos tiles in the teen center that are sealed and not a concern at this time. Julee reported there are currently 29 ISD positions that need filled and 13 have been filled. Julee explained the new hiring system and mentioned that there are currently several DHS vacancies. Karla asked how it is decided to transition to E-Learning due to weather. Julee explained that there are policies and procedures in place to help determine what is appropriate. Karla announced that she has enjoyed ISD's Facebook posts and thanked the person responsible. Julee explained that Desa Johnson-Walls receives pictures from all over campus and is responsible for ISD's Facebook.

-Student Presentation

- A YouTube video link was shared with council members.

-Other Reports

- Angie Kuhn shared that there are 5 ISD 4th grade students who attend Eisenhower Elementary for math class this year. She explained that their ISD teacher attends as well and the students are doing well. Karla asked if there are plans to expand this service to other students next year. Angie announced that there has been discussion to offer more options to other students.

Discussion:

- Karla announced that the May meeting will be in the ISD Administrative Building. Julee explained that the meeting location will be held in The Gathering Room. Taylor asked if members are required to attend in person. Julee explained that there is no WIFI available in that room and everyone attending will be required to complete the COVID form upon arrival. Carrie asked if future May meetings could be held on Thursdays. It was discussed and the majority of present members preferred to have the in-person meeting on May 12. Karla will discuss this with the members not present. Pam suggested that a decision be made this week. Karla asked if it would be possible for members to tour the campus during the May meeting. Julee announced that a tour would work and that she wouldn't be available to attend due to a meeting.

Next Agenda:

- Advisory Council dates for the school year 2022-2023.
- New members
- Voting on Advisory Council positions.
- Including more student presentations in future meetings.

Public Comment:

- No discussion

Adjourn:

- Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jamal seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:14am.

Meeting Dates:

Thursday, May 12, 2022