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Professional Development Advisory Board Meeting Meetings
Virtual via Zoom Meeting
September 2, 2020
5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Katie O'Dell.

a. Members Present:

Dr. Zakry Standerfer	Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools
Katie O'Dell	Professional Development Coordinator
Janet Blade	Spanish, Cumberland High School
Jerry Calandrilla	Administrator, Bridges Alternative Education
Linda Casteel	Math, Mattoon High School
Rebecca Gallo	Fourth Grade, Ashmore Elementary
Angie Gentry	Administrator, Arcola Elementary
Kacie Rhoads	Administrator, Casey-Westfield Elementary
Leslie Richter	Kindergarten, Stew-Stras Elementary
Jill Rogers	Superintendent, Martinsville
Heather Seaton	Business, Paris Cooperative High School
Malia Smith	Language Arts, Mattoon High School
Sharon Stahler	Second Grade, Tuscola Elementary
Katie Watters	Language Arts, Chrisman Jr. High
Yvonne West	Third Grade, Neoga Elementary School
Heather Wilson	Fifth Grade, Sullivan Middle School

II. Approval of September 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, all members were emailed meeting minutes from September 10th, 2019. Members were given a chance to make any additions and/or corrections. A motion was made by Jill to approve the minutes as distributed, Rebecca seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Introductions

With the addition of three new members to the board, we began the meeting with introductions. Welcome new members – Rebecca Gallo, Kacie Rhoads and Katie Watters. Katie O. also reminded members that this board meets annually to advise the Regional Superintendent on the planning and delivery of professional development services.



IV. Fall Professional Development Newsletter 2020

The Fall 2020 Professional Development newsletter was provided to the board via email. Katie O. stressed that ROE #11 is currently offering a mix of in-person (socially distanced and with masks) as well as virtual opportunities. She also emphasized that the newsletter was completed on July 31st and many new opportunities have arose since then so the board should encourage their colleagues to check the website.

Due to COVID and concerns for social distancing and large gatherings, Gerry Brooks was canceled for the October 9th institute day. He has been rescheduled for Friday, October 8th, 2021. In place of this, the Area IV LTC will be offering a full day of tech events for staff.

- Next steps in virtual learning (8:30 am – 10:00 am)
- Leveraging your google classroom for blended learning (10:15 am – 11:15 am)
- How to integrate google forms into your classroom (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)
- Applying the flipped classroom model to the in-person/remote learning hybrid schedule using google tools (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)

Educators will be able to earn up to 4.5 hours of PD hours.

There is a book study coming up on September 21st on Brain Rules: 12 Principles for Surviving and Thriving at Work, Home and School. This is completely virtual and educators will use the Canvas platform.

Two administrator academies are being offered this fall:

- AA #1416 The legal Rights of Students and Parents on September 22nd. This event is being held in person and has 3 seats left.
- AA #1541 Proactively Dealing with Difficult Conversations: Bringing Out the Best in People at their Worst is being offered on December 2nd. This academy will be completely virtual via zoom.

ROE #11 is partnering with EIASE to offer two Title IX and Sexual Harassment trainings. New Title IX regulations went into effect on August 14th and contain a significant overhaul of the requirements for investigating and responding to allegations of sexual harassment in school districts, including both student and employee complaints. Among the new requirements, specific training must be provided to each schools title IX coordinator, investigators, and decision makers. Brandon Wright, with Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk and Miller will present on this information at EIASE on October 22nd and October 29th. To allow for social distancing, the October 22nd date is already full, but there are 23 seats available on October 29th.

V. Elevating Special Educators (ESE) Federal Grant

ROE #11, along with 4 other ROE's were selected by ISBE to help write a federal grant to secure funds that would allow continue to support early career special educators through coaching, mentoring and professional development. The grant requested 10 million dollars to be used statewide. As one of the selected grant holders, this means that ROE #11 would be a fiscal agent for part of the money and will be pushing it out to assist the special educators in our region. The grant was submitted by ISBE at the end of August and are now waiting to see if they will receive the award.

VI. Licensure Updates

If an educator holding a PEL, CTE or CSBO needed to renew their license on June 30th 2020 and did not do so by yesterday (September 1), it will be extended one year. This will allow educators one more year to complete any professional development for the current cycle. When educators renew in 2021, they will receive a new five-year cycle. If an educator is taking advantage of this additional year, they still need to log into their ELIS account and pay a \$10 license registration fee for 2021. They can do this by clicking on REGISTRATIONS in their Action Center box. The license must be registered for this additional year to continue employment.

VII. Local Wellness Policy

Each school district is required to participate in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program and establish a local school wellness policy. Jerry discussed what ROE #11 has put together for their alternative education sites and fielded questions related to it.

VIII. Open Floor to Advisory Board

Rebecca mentioned that Charleston has shifted to Microsoft applications (rather than Google) so they would be interested in professional development surrounding that topic.

Jill would like to see a professional learning community for nurses. Katie expressed that she has been looking for a facilitator for one of these sessions. Several names of school nurses were provided.

Katie W. asked for professional development pertaining to mental health with a focus on students. She has noticed that many students are struggling with hybrid classes, morale and motivation.

IX. Adjournment

Jill made a motion to adjourn and Janet seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:30 pm.