



Douglas County School District
Douglas Parent Advisory Council
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Virtual Meeting
Minden, NV 89423
Monday, February 8, 2021
5:30 PM

Agenda

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1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment #1

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3. Review and Approval of December 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action) **3**

Presenter: Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director, Area 3

4. Work Session (Information, Discussion and for Possible Action)

Facilitator: Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director, Area 3

A. Welcome, Introductions and Virtual Protocol

Facilitator: Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director, Area 3

B. Discussion: Role of DPAC Parent Members

Facilitator: Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director, Area 3

C. Discussion: Role of Parent Organizations During the Pandemic

Facilitator: Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director, Area 3

5. Public Comment #2

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6. Adjourn

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Minutes

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Present:

Trustees:

Linda Gilkerson, School Board Member

Carey Kangas, School Board Member, Arrived 6:02 PM

Personnel:

Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director, Area 3

Melissa Rains, Executive Director, Area 4

Blaine Spires, CCMES Principal

Shannon Brown, GES Principal

Bill Harvey, MES/SES Assistant Principal

Susan McNeall, SES Principal

Nancy White, CVMS Principal

Guy Olguin, PWLMS Principal

Shawn Lear, GWHS/ZCES Principal

Mike Rechs, DHS Assistant Principal

Parent Representatives:

Krystle Marriott, CCMES Parent

Danielle Frolander Smith, JVES Parent

Kristy Norberg, MES Parent

Chris Garrison, SES Parent

Rebecca Wells Poth, ZCES Parent

Kelly Hoffman, CVMS Parent

AnnMarie Bourgeois, PWLMS Parent

Dawn Stackpole, GWHS Parent

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

2. Public Comment #1

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called for public comment. None was given.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

The Minutes for the October 12, 2020, meeting were approved.

4. Work Session

- A. Mrs. Cronin-Mack welcomed members and reviewed the process of asking to speak throughout the meeting.
- B. Mrs. Cronin-Mack introduced Jeannie Dwyer, Executive Director, Area 1, who shared information and a PowerPoint file on Partners Across our Community (PAC) and introduced Sherry Mitchell, DCSD Transition Coordinator.

Mrs. Dwyer shared the following information:

Transition with students start at 14 years old and continue until 22 years old. Often students will attend school until their 22nd birthday or the end of the school year.

They are working on a camp for the summer.

DCSD works with the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation which includes vocational rehab to provide rigorous instruction and partnering with local businesses to promote community inclusion with opportunities for student 18-22 years old.

IDEA ensures students with a disability are provided with Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) that is tailored to their individual needs.

Title 1 of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) protects quality individuals with disabilities from employment discrimination.

Community Exploration and virtual Community Job Shadow opportunities.

Setting up presentations to the Chamber and DCSD to include Food Services, Transportation, Warehouse, and Custodial departments to job match.

\$15,000 donation from the Pipkin Foundation to help build the program and provide materials to support competitive job skills and community inclusion

Students will be learning about transportation to get them set up to ride and be an active part of the community.

Ms. Mitchell shared the following information:

Pre-Employment Transition Solutions uses strong curriculum to support transition and post-secondary outcomes such as career interest inventories, skill based activities, interpersonal relations skills, workplace scenarios and building independence

Skills Labs, funded by the Nevada Department of Education and the Pipkin Foundation donation, will allow students the opportunity to practice task-related skills.

Ms. Mitchell thanked the team who made contributions into the success of the program for students.

Mrs. Gilkerson praised the work of the team and said she was excited for the program to go forward.

Ms. Stackpole asked if the program is for district wide students. To which Ms. Mitchell said they are working with all students, which may look a little different at the lake, such as working with South Lake Tahoe Community College.

- C. Mrs. Cronin-Mack shared an update on EPIC Learning. DCSD has contracted with Modern Teacher to help modernize instruction and curriculum. The timing has been very beneficial to us and allowed us to be more prepared to go virtual and has been challenging with the roll out. Our incredible IT department and John Endter, Director of Technology, has given the vision and forethought to have adequate technology tools for all of us. Movement toward EPIC learning is about preparing our teachers to deliver instruction in a way that is more real to aspects of our community today.

Mrs. Cronin-Mack shared a report of the framework of components of Modern Teacher. Now we know there are so many more ways for students to learn. We are currently working on our instruction with students for strategies for learning. We are able to create our own professional learning for teachers with literacy where they learn and fluency to practice what they are learning. Mrs. Cronin-Mack shared the district stats of goals and professional learning. The current focus is on the instructional model with positive culture, learner centered and responsive instruction.

Mrs. Cronin-Mack shared the graphic of instructional module. Positive culture is about building relationships. One of the biggest struggle at the secondary level is keeping students engaged on the virtual days. Learner center is developing curriculum pieces of supporting teachers to be flexible, innovative and building opportunities for students to have voice and choice and to be cognitive in their own thinking about their own learning. One piece we are working on is the comfort and knowledge of technology. One of the most important areas we have been working with teachers in the last five years is mindset.

One question came up about the amount of time that goes to substitute teachers. We have been working with technology of doing things virtually.

Work on Modern Teacher began a year ago and teachers have been rock stars learning the modules to work with other teachers.

Mrs. Gilkerson asked where the Administrators are involved in the module or cohorts. To which Mrs. Cronin-Mack said the steering committee is made up of a large number of administrators who are also rock stars representing it and working on their own professional modules and change and change management. Mrs. Gilkerson agreed that our administrators are rock stars.

- D. Mrs. Cronin-Mack led a discussion brought up by Ms. Kari Karwoski on the role of the DPAC parent members. Ms. Karwoski feels that DPAC members should be liaisons between parents and principals and is looking to building guidelines around that. Mrs. Gilkerson said she remembered when members of DPAC were the PTO members and easily brought information back to the parents from the meetings. Maybe there is a way for one parent who attends to be that spokesperson for each school to parents.

Mrs. Cronin-Mack shared that Shannon Brown, Principal of Gardnerville Elementary School, would like to spend time on how our different schools are trying to utilize their PTOs.

5. Public Comment #2

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called for public comment.

Kristy Norberg, MES Parent, stated she has a friend who works at AWAKEN in Reno and discussed information about sex trafficking. AWAKEN does educational outreach and Ms. Norberg would like to see awareness brought up in the schools with students and parents. Mrs. Cronin-Mack shared information about the sex education meeting coming up soon and will talk with Melissa Rains, Executive Director Area 4, about what may be in the works.

Dawn Stackpole, GWHS Parent, stated a concern about not having more than one counselor at the lake and the one-year contract may deter applicants from applying. Bernie is doing an amazing job with scholarships. Parents feel they need help with seniors and the two counselors from PWLMS are wonderful but not enough and asked if counselors from the high school could be used for the lake also. Mrs. Cronin-Mack offered information about a teacher that is on special assignment and that is why that counselor position remains a one year position. Mr. Lear has been working hard to locate a counselor through an outside resource.

Mrs. Cronin-Mack thanked everyone for attending and stated the next DPAC meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2020, at 5:30 PM.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rommy Cronin-Mack
Executive Director - Area 3
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