

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes

October 19, 2023

Schools Present: Spring Hill Proxy- Peter Maggio, Hope Proxy- Carla Narlesky, Texarkana Proxy- Gwen Adams, Genoa, Lafayette County, Prescott Proxy- Angie Bryant, Nevada

School Not Present: Fouke, Blevins

Co-op Staff Present: Phoebe Bailey, Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Jenny Smead, Vicki Jewell, Angie Gentry, David Hampton

The meeting was called to order by Director Phoebe Bailey..

Peter Maggio made a motion to approve the minutes from September, seconded by Debbie Huff. The minutes were approved.

Debbie Huff made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure report from September. Gwen Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Narcan Kits- Monica Morris distributed boxes of Narcan kits to each school that was present. She briefly went over the contents of each kit and how it worked. She encouraged the districts to make all staff aware that the kits were available and where they were located. She also shared a link to a short video showing the correct way to administer narcan.

Mentoring Updates- Vicki Jewell talked about the monthly newsletter she sends out to all Novice teachers. Since cycle 2 has been submitted, districts were asked to run the Novice Teacher report in cognos and send it to her to see if any changes need to be made. Mrs. Jewell also talked about the NIET LEAD Designation Grant that was awarded to SWAEC. She stated that we could possibly take a few more teachers but she would need to know by Wednesday, October 25th. Vicki stated that she is still missing "support teachers" for novices. Performance reports are due November 1. She also reminded all districts about making sure teachers and staff are aware of the ethics training that is required.

Director Updates- Phoebe Bailey

- Ms. Bailey updated the board on the implementation of PLCs at SWAEC. A Guiding Coalition has been formed. She presented the dashboard created to house data and meeting materials for the coalition. She stated they were open to any and all suggestions when it comes to this.
- She also asked the districts to share their Essential Standards as they get them done to be housed on the dashboard. This will allow SWAEC to make sure schools are having their needs met by the co-op.
- Ms. Bailey presented a handout about Federal Updates.
 - 21st CCLC grants will be available this spring with a focus on essential out-of-school learning opportunities that help accelerate academic recovery and support students' social, emotional, and mental health.

- Medicaid Renewal- many students have been removed from medicaid and we need to be active in helping families out with other avenues for health care services or help them in getting re-enrolled in medicaid.
- The AR Center for School Safety will be conducting an Assessment and Audit Training on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at SWAEC from 8:30 a.m.to 12:30 p.m. The deadline for completing your security assessment is August 1, 2024. This must be conducted every 3 years.

Teacher Center Updates- Monica Morris

ATLAS- There are 3 **Texthelp** tools to help increase student achievement in reading and math: Read & Write, Equatio, and uPar. There are upcoming training sessions for ATLAS Summative Assessments. They are January 16, 2024 at Dawson Coop and January 17, 2024 at SWAEC.

PowerSchool Enrollment- parents can go online to register their child. The deadline is October 30, 2023 and there are limited spots available.

Graduation Rate Corrections- the correction window is open between October 30 - November 13, 2023. There are upcoming webinars for this if you need assistance.

LEADS- upcoming training available virtually on October 24, 2023.

Cognitive Coaching- on October 27th, there will be an overview session at SWAEC. This is for educators and organizations who want to explore Cognitive Coaching before committing to the 8-Day Foundations Seminar.

Supporting Administrator Workshop- Mrs. Vickie Jewell will be hosting this on October 25th via ZOOM. This would be a great opportunity for principals and assistant principals to better learn how to assist and support their Novice teachers.

Educator Effectiveness Unit- they will host Wednesday office hours for Observers and ES Administrators via ZOOM. This is a great opportunity to receive assistance. No registration is required. Observers needing support will log on at 10 a.m. ES Administrators will log on at 11 a.m. for their support time.

Homeless Set-Aside Formula- all LEAs will set aside a minimum of \$500 to ensure that immediate students' needs can be met with available funding.

Career Coach Grants Application- the funding period is from July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025. The application deadline is December 1, 2023.

Tutoring Grants- \$500 grants are available for parents of K-3 public school students who are at risk of reading difficulties, do not meet state standards, or who are retained in 3rd grade. Districts are required to notify the families of the student's eligibility for the program in October.

ACT Prep- *On to College* will host 4 sessions for SENIORS to give them one final push on the ACT. The next one will be on October 26th which will have 2 sessions. One is from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and the other is from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

SWAEC will also host an ACT Prep session with CW Prep on November 20, 2023 from 9:00-3:00.

Youth Mental Health First Aid- training for this will be at SWAEC on November 9, 2023. This is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. This is required training for School Counselors and SROs.

Maternity Leave- districts MAY now participate in a cost-sharing agreement with DESE to provide up to 12 weeks of paid maternity leave. Agreements must be submitted by April 1, 2024. More details can be found in COM-24-034

Technology Resource Policy- requires public entities to create a Technology Resources Policy and a Cyber Security Policy. There is specific language that must be included in this. More information can be found in COM-24-038. David Hampton added that all of this information has been sent to the technology coordinators at each district.

Ed Directions Leadership Training- this will be held at SWAEC on November 1, 2023..

With no further business, Peter Maggio made a motion to adjourn. Gwen Adams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.