



SARB Minutes
October 14, 2020
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Zoom

Attendees: Shauna Ashmore, Armando Bernal, Carol Bjordahl, David Castellano, Juliana Cervantes, Kent Cromwell, Robert DeCandia, Pablo Duran, Phyllis Franco, Juan Garcia, Sonia Garcia, Robin Gillette, Ray C. Gonzales, Katie Jacobs, Bianca Lopez, Melissa McMurdo, Laurel McWaters, Norma Perez-Sandford, Jose Ramirez, Chris Ridge, Rebecca Rocha, Rosie Rosales, Gina Simonsgaard, Stef Sisman, Brett Taylor, Julie Taylor, Suzanne Weist, Mike Winters, Connie Wright

Mr. Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. As stated in the previous meeting by Dr. Morales, Mr. Taylor will now be the VCOE liaison.

Mr. Taylor asked that everyone take a few minutes to review the minutes from the September 16th meeting (previously emailed). The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Taylor asked for introductions.

Review Elections of SARB Officers

Mr. Taylor stated that a nomination was made for a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. The nominee for Chairperson was not able to accept the nomination, the nominee for Vice Chairperson was asked if he would accept the Chairperson position this fiscal year, Mr. Gonzales agreed to continue as the SARB Chairperson.

Public Comments

There were none.

Reports

- District Attorney's Office – Mr. Gonzales asked if they are holding parent meetings. Ms. McWaters stated that they have had meetings and they recently had two SARB meetings with Oxnard Elementary families for recognition of positive attendance. Ms. McWaters shared that it was a good practice for zoom meetings with families.
- Public Defender's Office – Ms. Taylor thanked the group for all their work to help students go to school. She shared that many kids are still having trouble accessing school. Maybe they don't have home support and is happy SARB is still happening. Mr. Gonzales suggested having students contact the district and ask for assistance.

- Probation Agency – Ms. Simonsgaard shared that teams are going out to the field to check in with youth. She asked that if anyone has students that are struggling to please reach out to her and they will assist.

Mr. Bernal from Gizzly Youth Academy shared that they are operating and can assist to motivate students and help with an opportunity for them to get back on track. He shared that they are holding virtual interviews and tours. He asked that if anybody needs additional information, please reach out to him. The current group will be released November 24 and will return home and graduate. January 17 will be the start date for the next class. He asked that if the group knows of any student that may be interested, please refer to him.

- Gateway Community School – Mr. Taylor shared that they currently have 85 students distance learning. He shared that a return date to face to face instruction has not been set for VCOE.
- Behavior Health – Nothing to report.
- Public Health – Ms. Franco shared that they have received hundreds of calls and emails from Ventura. They are currently teaching mask usage and other skills needed during this time.
- Human Services Agency/Children Family Services – Ms. Cervantes shared that shelters are open to youth up to the age of 17. They are helping students with transportation and school. Mr. Gonzales asked how long someone can stay at the shelter. 21 days is the maximum someone can stay, but they usually only stay up to 14 days.
- Human Services Agency/CalWORKs – Ms. Garcia shared that the State of CA has approved an extension for the pandemic EBT. Children will be issued new cards for the months of August and September and possibly will extend further.

Mr. Gonzales shared that if families want more information, they can be directed to the district webpages.

Ms. Garcia stated that if she receives additional information, she will forward to the group. She also mentioned that their offices are closed, but services are still being provided by phone or online.

Trainings and Workshops Upcoming from VCOE – Virtual unless noted *

- October 16, 2020 - Student Discipline / 8:30AM to 3:00PM
- December 16, 2020 - School Attendance: Systems and Accountability & Supervisor of Attendance Certification Training / 8:30AM to 3:00PM
- February 4, 2021 - Annual Legislative Update / 8:30AM to 12:00PM

Mr. Winters stated that he was hoping for updates from County SARB with guidance. Mr. Gonzales suggested that a document be created with Best Practices; he and Mr. Taylor can work on creating



such document and will share at the next meeting. Mr. Winters was hoping for something sooner. Mr. Gonzales stated they will review and send out the document via email to the group.

Mr. Lopez asked if anyone was willing to share their re-engagement plans. Mr. Gonzales stated he will research at his site and share with her.

Ms. McWaters shared that the governor has signed AB901 and they are still reviewing to see how it will affect SARB.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

- November 18, 2020 - Zoom