



SARB Minutes
September 16, 2020
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Zoom

Attendees: Shauna Ashmore, Carol Bjordahl, David Castellano, Juliana Cervantes, Kent Cromwell, Rebecca Day, Robert DeCandia, Veronica Escobedo, Phyllis Franco, Cynthia Frutos, Juan Garcia, Sonia Garcia, Robin Gillette, Ray C. Gonzales, Liz Jimenez, Dr. Cesar Morales, Melissa McMurdo, Laurel McWaters, Jose Ramirez, Chris Ridge, Rosie Rosales, Gina Simonsgaard, Stef Sisman, Jamie Snodgrass, Brett Taylor, Julie Taylor, Suzanne Weist, Mike Winters, Taylene Yniguez

Dr. Morales welcomed everyone to the meeting. He shared that he has been the VCOE liaison for the past year and is now designating Brett Taylor to be the VCOE representative that will work along the new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Gonzales called the meeting to order, welcomed the group and asked for introductions.

Review Elections of SARB Officer

Mr. Gonzales gave a brief overview on how this process has been done in the past. It was agreed that nominations be opened up and nominations will be sent in via email. An electronic voting poll will be sent out once nominations are received.

Public Comments

There were none

SARB During School Closure Period

Dr. Morales shared that a student can be marked present as long as they can complete the work assigned. He added that every district has auditors they work with to adhere to specific guidelines. The guidelines are not approved yet, but the State is reporting they will be approved in October. As a general overview, the State gives districts up to ten days to back track on attendance. Dr. Morales encourages all districts to increase amount of engagement. He also shared districts are having to back track McKinney rosters. Districts are providing hot spots and/or devices to students, but there has been challenges to charge the devices for homeless students.

Mr. Gonzales shared that the SARB process can be completed, but students can't be taken in front of a judge. Ms. McWaters shared that she doesn't believe its law about not going to the judge but understands they don't want to see parents/students cited if they have technology difficulties. They want the SARB process to be extremely limited to extreme situations. Mr.

Winters asked if there is a copy of that legislation, is it SB98? Mr. Winters shared his district is already sending out SARB letters. Mr. Gonzales shared that the SARB dates were all set last year.

Reports

- District Attorney's Office – Information reported during the "SARB During School Closure Period" agenda item.
- Public Defender's Office – Ms. Taylor stated that if she becomes aware of a child having difficulties and if they need extra assistance, what suggestions would the group recommend. Mr. Gonzales shared that school admin. is generally on campus. He suggested going to see an administrator, hours are somewhat limited, but they are on campus. Ms. Ashmore shared that her office can be contacted for assistance. She also shared that CVUSD has a tech services support page to request a hot spot and the device can be picked up at the child's home school.
Dr. Morales asked that the SARB Roster with contact information be shared with the group. The roster will be emailed to all.
- Probation Agency – Shared that Probation POs are working. They are all doing field work. There is a lot of calling and checking in. Very active in the community.
- Gateway Community School – Mr. Taylor shared information on the new Odyssey program being housed at GW School. This program is for the most at-risk students in our County (Social Emotional Needs, Conduct Disorders). Everyone is invited to refer those students that need additional support. A link to the web page for the Odyssey program will be sent in a follow up email. Mr. Gonzales asked if the students have to be SPED students, Mr. Taylor stated that right now, students do have to have an IEP to enroll.
- Behavior Health – Nothing to report.
- Public Health – Ms. Escobedo shared that they are all available at this time. She added that the Public Health Liaisons that work with the schools all work with the COVID team.
- Human Services Agency/Children Family Services – Ms. Cervantes shared that they are working with the runaway and homeless youth.
- Human Services Agency/CalWORKS – Ms. Garcia reported they are providing services at this time. She shared that anyone in need of applying for CalWORKs can apply via phone, 888-472-4463. Online applications can also be completed by visiting www.mybenefitscalwin.org.
- Community Partners – Nothing to report

Monthly Truancy Fines and Fees

The Truancy Fine Distribution FY 2019-2020 will be emailed to the group.



Trainings and Workshops Upcoming from VCOE – Virtual unless noted *

- September 23, 2020 - Enrollment, Custody and Records / 8:30AM to 3:00PM
- 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

Ms. McWaters shared that Oxnard Elementary School District will hold a SARB meeting to recognize positive attendance. She asked if others had any plans on meeting families soon. Mr. Winters asked about the bill received for SARB based on last year's numbers. He asked for the possibility of pro-rating. Ms. Day will contact Mr. Winters to discuss. Mr. Gonzales added that they are keeping track of attendance and anticipates potential SARB meeting in October. Ms. McWaters stated that even if not ready to see families yet, they can meet as a team and talk about how to best serve families.

Dr. Morales thanked Mr. Gonzales for an exemplary job as Chairperson.

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

Next Meeting

- October 14, 2020 - Zoom