



# Four Corners

Regional Education Cooperative #1  
*Working for the Future*

## MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2019

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
- II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Quorum was determined as follows:
  - Present:
    - Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Bloomfield Schools
    - Dr. Eugene Schmidt, Farmington Municipal Schools
    - Daniel Benavidez, Zuni Public Schools
    - Kirk Carpenter, Aztec Municipal Schools
  - Absent:
    - Dr. Toni Pendergrass, San Juan College
    - Dr. Dave Goldtooth, Central Consolidated Schools
    - Mike Hyatt, Gallup-McKinley County Schools
  - Also in Attendance:
    - Jodie Maestas, Bloomfield Schools
    - David Bowman, Director
- III. Agenda Review and Approval – the agenda was reviewed with no changes noted. Dr. Schmidt moved to approve the meeting agenda and Mr. Benavidez seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting agenda.
- IV. Previous Meeting Minutes Review and Approval – the minutes were reviewed with no changes noted. Mr. Carpenter moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Benavidez seconded. The motion passed to approve the previous meeting minutes.
- V. Financial Overview – the budget was reviewed by Mrs. Maestas. She noted that during the last meeting it was decided to present the budget on a quarterly basis; therefore there is no handout or action needed. The CTE (Career Technical Education) grant budget has not yet been approved through NMPED.

## VI. Discussion, Updates, and Possible Action

- a. REC Funding – Mr. Bowman reported on his meeting with NMRECA (NM Regional Education Cooperatives Association), which meets every 6-8 weeks. Some of the larger RECs have more funding than the smaller ones, so receiving reimbursements from the State in a timely manner isn't an issue. However, for REC #1 it is an issue. A resolution was discussed to submit to the State as a group. The CTE grant funding will allow a little cushion for REC expenditures. Dr. Schmidt inquired about the need for membership, so he could budget for it if need be. Mrs. Maestas replied with stating there is no need for membership fees at this point. Mr. Bowman did suggest that the districts budget for professional development and.
- b. Math PD update – Mr. Bowman reported on the two 2-day math mastery trainings that were held in Farmington and Gallup. The teachers left positive feedback and indicated that they felt better prepared to implement and share what they learned. The trainings did make cost, however there was little to no revenue for the REC.
- c. Dossier Workshop – Mr. Bowman mentioned the need for Dossier assistance, as expressed by the teachers at the Math workshop. REC IX has Dossier coaches that could provide training for the districts. Could look into scheduling Saturday training for those in need of assistance. It was mentioned that samples of Dossiers would be helpful as well and a clear indication of the timelines. All in attendance agreed for the REC to pursue Dossier assistance training.
- d. Social-Emotional PD – Mr. Bowman inquired as to what program the group wished to utilize for the social-emotional training. Dr. Mizell mentioned that Bloomfield was using Habitudes, and the staff is having great success with it. Two staff members attended a 'train the trainer' model and were able to implement it upon their return. Dr. Schmidt indicated that he would like more information on Habitudes.
- e. CTE funding update – Mr. Bowman stated again that the budget had not been approved. Mrs. Maestas indicated that the budget had been submitted and it was set for auto-approval after 30 days, however just that morning the State had sent a question, which was answered. However, the 30 day auto-approval will restart.
- f. Grant opportunities updates – Mr. Bowman noted a new Gen CTE grant being available with a closing date of December 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Mizell mentioned that with the funds not being received yet for the currently awarded CTE grant, perhaps the REC should not apply. All in attendance agreed.

Mr. Bowman mentioned a literacy grant, however a consortium cannot apply. If a district agreed to be the fiscal agent, then the REC could apply. Dr. Mizell noted that Bloomfield could not be the fiscal agent, as the district already maintains a literacy grant. She went on to mention that if another district wishes to be the fiscal agent, there is a significant delay in reimbursements at the State level and some purchases are denied. The grant has been good yet is very difficult. The application that was submitted could be shared if another district wanted to submit it. The district has seen significant growth.

Mr. Bowman also mentioned a High School Equivalency (HSE) program that is designed to help migrant and seasonal farm workers obtain HSE credentials and transitional services for college, trade school, employment and the military. The deadline for submittal is January 28<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps the NAPI and Bisti could be used to determine borders with an emphasis on agriculture. The reservation might also be able to be used to classify a border. While migrant workers would be tough to incorporate, seasonal workers would make up the population. All in attendance approved of proceeding with the intent to apply for the HSE grant application process.

VII. David Chavez, CES – Not in attendance.

VIII. Report-outs by District – Mr. Benavidez reported on the focus of project based learning. He also mentioned the concern about the equity council.

Dr. Schmidt reported on the newly hired Principal for the San Juan College High School (SJCHS), Mr. Seth Martinez. He also mentioned that his data teams have studied the success rate of the SJCHS and data from other schools and the data may be similar for those graduating high school with an Associate's Degree. He also noted the new career and technology component of the high school graduation requirement.

Mr. Carpenter mentioned the events taking place in Aztec. The second anniversary of the tragedy was last week; he thanked everyone again for their support.

Dr. Mizell reported on the SRCL (Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy) grant benefits. She also noted that BHS sent a team to the NM Governor's STEM Challenges in Los Lunas where they took second and were recognized by Facebook. The Bobcat Football team took second in State.

IX. Questions or Requests –

X. Superintendent Discussion Topics – Mr. Benavidez mentioned his concern with the equity council. Dr. Mizell suggested that we end the REC meeting so it could be discussed further as it doesn't pertain to the REC. All in attendance agreed.

- XI. Next Board Meeting – The Board agreed that meeting needs to take place in January, in hopes that the CTE funding will be approved. After discussion, a meeting date of January 14<sup>th</sup> was agreed upon. Mr. Bowman suggested the meeting be held in Gallup, and all agreed.
  
- XII. Adjournment – With all business matters discussed, Dr. Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Benavidez seconded. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

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		January 14, 2020
Board Member Signature	Title	Date Approved