

**PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
PAEC CENTER – 6:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

III. APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve the Governing Board Minutes of August 18, 2021 as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which encompasses agenda items V (Payroll, VI (Bills), and VII (New Business) as presented.

V. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Confirmation of payroll (excluding required employer deduction)

| | Attendance Incentives | | | |
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| | <u>8/15/2021</u> | <u>8/18/2021</u> | <u>8/31/2021</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| Education Fund | 94,870.62 | 111,119.62 | 120,687.16 | 326,677.40 |
| Building Fund | 17,701.82 | 3,501.02 | 17,196.02 | 38,398.86 |
| TOTALS | <u>\$112,572.44</u> | <u>114,620.64</u> | <u>\$137,883.18</u> | <u>\$365,076.26</u> |

VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Information is attached.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Employment/Resignation/Terminations

Employment:

- Lindsey Van Der Aa, School Psych Intern, PAEC Dist. 93, \$10,000, effective 8/16/21
- LaShonda McDaniel, Accts Payable/Purch Coord, Admin, \$42,600, effective 9/1/21
- Cory Collins, Program Asstistant, PAEC High School, \$21,771, effective 8/18/21
- Pearlene Grinstead, 1:1 Program Assistant, PAEC Center, \$21,278, effective 8/18/21
- Elizabeth Baldi, Social Worker, District 209, \$63,276, effective 8/1/21
- Diana Dranko, Perm Sub-Teacher, PAEC Academy, \$42,027, effective 8/1/21
- Ziomari Rivera, Social Worker, PAEC High School, \$45,913, effective 8/1/21
- Angela Taylor, Perm Sub-Teacher, PAEC Academy, \$42,027, effective 8/1/21
- Ronia Bosley, Perm Sub-Teacher, PAEC Elementary, \$43,995, effective 8/18/21
- Kim Spearman, Perm Sub-Teacher, PAEC Center, \$42,999, effective 8/18/21
- Lorraine Johnson, Perm Sub-Teacher, PAEC Elementary, \$43,995, effective 8/18/21
- Rodolfo Lopez, Bilingual Spanish Translator, PAEC Coop, \$35 p/h, effective 8/23/21
- Emely Rovira, School Psych Intern, PAEC Dist. 87, \$10,000, effective 8/18/21
- Gloria Reichert, Accts Payable/Purch Coord, \$3,865, extended retirement
- Joseph Mular, Program Assistant, PAEC High School, \$22,275, effective 8/28/21

Emilie Predl, Speech/Language Pathologist, Dist.# 87, \$48,063, effective 8/18/21
Shanequa Reeves, 1:1 Program Assistant, PAEC Center, \$21,278, effective 8/18/21
Miguel Huicochea, 1:1 Program Assistant, PAEC Center, \$22,275, effective 8/18/21
Humberto, Rodriguez, Custodian, Building/Grounds, \$33,278, effective 8/16/21
Kimyada Young, Food Service Specialist, Kitchen, \$27,000, effective 8/23/21
Celia Flores, Perm Sub-Teacher, PAEC Elementary, \$22,275, effective 8/18/21
Lori Jones, Breakfast/Lunch Assist (Part-time), Kitchen, \$14/hour, effective 8/30/21
Leah Strickland, Perm Sub-PA, PAEC Academy, \$21,771, effective 8/27/21

Resignations:

Veronica Smith, Kitchen Food Service Specialist, PAEC Center, effective 8/17/21
Kevin Dawley, Social Worker, PAEC High School, effective 8/19/21
Tyrone Sally, Program Assistant (Intervention), PAEC High School, effective 8/6/21
Karen Watson, 1:1 Program Assistant, PAEC Center, effective 8/9/21
Gloria Arrojo, Job Coach/PA, PAEC Center, effective 8/11/21
Joanna Macias, 1:1 Program Assistant, PAEC Center, effective 8/11/21
Catrina Towers, Program Assistant, PAEC High School, effective 8/16/21
Lajuan Whitfield, Job Coach/PA, PAEC Center, effective 8/16/21
Amy Santino, Social Worker, Dist. 209, effective 9/14/21
Miguel Huicochea, 1:1 Program Assistant, PAEC Center, effective 8/26/21

Terminations:

Lorraine Johnson, Perm Sub-Teacher, PAEC Center, effective 8/16/21 (reassigned)
Pearlene Grinstead, 1:1 Program Assistant, Dist. #87, effective 8/17/21 (reassigned)
LaShonda McDaniel, Lunch Program Coordinator, effective 8/31/21 (reassigned)
Ronja Bosley, Perm Sub-Teacher, effective 8/18/21, (reassigned)
Cory Collins, 1:1 Program Assistant, effective 8/2/21, (reassigned)

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to the Executive Board to approve the Consent Agenda, which encompasses agenda items regarding Payroll, Bills, and Employment/Resignations/Terminations as presented.

B. FMLA Request

1. Ms. Jacqueline Wakefield, 1:1 Program Assistant at PAEC Center has requested FMLA due to medical reasons. Ms. Wakefield is requesting this leave to begin August 19, 2021 through October 19, 2021. She would like for the block to be consecutive and paid using available sick days.

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the FMLA request of Ms. Jacqueline Wakefield, beginning August 19, 2021 through October 19, 2021. Ms. Wakefield will be using a consecutive block of paid available sick days during this leave as presented.

2. Ms. Jacquese Robinson, Program Assistant at PAEC Elementary has requested FMLA due to Maternity Leave. Ms. Robinson is requesting this leave to begin

tentatively September 1, 2021 through December 1, 2021. She would like to utilize sick and or personal days in order to be paid.

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the FMLA request of Ms. Jacquese Robinson, beginning tentatively September 1, 2021 through December 1, 2021. Ms. Robinson will be utilizing sick and or personal days in order to be paid during this leave as presented.

3. Ms. Tomeka Gray, Program Assistant at PAEC Academy has requested FMLA due to foot surgery. Ms. Gray is requesting this leave to begin from August 18, 2021 until tentatively September 24, 2021 or until release from her Doctor. Ms. Gray will be using a consecutive block of paid available sick days.

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the FMLA request of Ms. Tomeka Gray, beginning August 18, 2021 through September 24, 2021 or until release from her Doctor. Ms. Gray will be using a consecutive block of paid available sick days during this leave as presented.

- C. Remote Learning in lieu of Snow Day

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to the Governing Board to approve Remote Learning Days in lieu of Snow Days for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

- D. Presentment of Proposed Amendments to Articles of Joint Agreement

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Presentment of Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Joint Agreement as presented.

VIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board meeting was held on September 9, 2021. Those present included: Dr. Sullivan and Ms. Nicole Spatafore from District #87, Ms. Charlotte Larson from District #88, Dr. Janiece Jackson from District #92, Mr. Leonard Moody from District #209. The Board reviewed and recommended approval of all the items on the agenda. District #87 will be hosting a vaccination clinic and have given PAEC the opportunity to have staff participated. District #92 will also be hosting a vaccination clinic on September 18th and information will be forth coming.

IX. DuPAGE/WEST COOK REPORT

None reported at this time.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None reported at this time.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

A. PAEC Programs-Current District Child Count Report
Information is attached

B. Current Enrollment and Classroom Staffing Patterns
Information is attached

C. Transition Reports
None reported at this time.

D. Initial Referrals
Information is attached.

E. Police Reports
None reported at this time.

F. PAEC Activity Fund Summary
Information is attached.

G. DuPage/West Cook Report
No reports at this time.

H. Staff Recognition

1. Attendance- Information is attached

2. Longevity-Information is attached

3. Tenured Staff

- Kevin Downs, Teacher
- Michael Irgang, School Social Worker
- Julie Lukac, Teacher
- Kalie Talan, Teacher
- Paola Gonzalez-Bonet, School Psychologist
- Donna Kuchera, School Social Worker

I. Press Plus
First Reading-Information is attached.

J. Proof of Vaccination-Executive Order
Per Governor Pritzker's direction/Executive Order, we have pushed back our expectations for the staff until the September 19, 2021.

K. Vaccine Clinic

A. Berkeley District#87 is putting on a vaccine clinic on Friday, September 10, 2021 and has invited PAEC staff who are interested.

B. PAEC will put on a vaccine clinic in September through Positive Health Services organized by Ms. Cori Davis.

L. Transportation

As with other districts, PAEC has had some struggles in bus coverage. This has resulted in late busses at the beginning and at the end of the day. We have had to provide coverage at the end of the day to ensure the students safety while waiting for the busses to arrive. This process of providing coverage has been approved by the affected school district.

M. Districts Back to School Fair and BBQ

On August 21st, PAEC participated in Districts #88, #89, and #92's Back to School Fair and BBQ. Mrs. Vanessa Schmitt, Mrs. Trainette Latham, Ms. Evelyn Carretto, and Mrs. Roshune Pechacek volunteered to assist at these events by handing out PAEC Brochure and prizes.

N. PAEC Program Updates

PAEC Business Office-Dr. Sherry Reynolds-Whitaker, Business Manager

The **Business Office** successfully worked with the auditors and the actuary to complete preliminary work for FY21 Audit that is schedule for completion in September. The business office has finished updating salaries for the FY22 school year in Infinite Vision for employee for the first all staff payroll for the new fiscal year.

Though we had an interesting start in the kitchen, we successfully hired a Food Service Specialist and a part-time Breakfast/Lunch Program Assistant. They both are continuing to learn the kitchen and working closely with Preferred Meals on the ordering system. They are also learning the routine delivery schedules for the other vendors such as the milk and bread companies.

Human Resources (HR) has ensured staff is correctly classified on medical, life, dental rosters for FY22. This includes 23 terminations (resignations and retirees); on-boarded 29 new employees (includes: background checks, new hire paperwork & benefits setup sessions); Illinois Department of Employment (IDES) protest for 35 unemployment claims; and negotiated dates & time for wellness screening flu shot event scheduled for the fall.

Information Technology (IT) increased reliable equipment for end users from Covid19 relief. Students and teachers are for the first time experiencing individual device assignments within the classrooms. The demand for increasing the technical proficiency within PAEC is becoming more noticeable. However, as a whole, the availability of devices has increased business continuity and effectiveness throughout PAEC.

With the increased devices, we did expect higher network usage and more strain on the current network infrastructure. Thus far, the newly installed network monitoring tools, POE switches and firewalls are looking promising and stable for this fiscal year. The next network infrastructure change will take place next month, upgrading our PRI circuit to a SIP circuit to avoid increased costs from our phone provider starting September 5th. In addition to this cost savings, the IT department submitted grant paperwork to help cover the costs of mobile device hotspots.

The IT department continues to address help tickets and other various projects in a timely manner. We are looking forward to the new school year.

Buildings & Grounds noticed the vendor inadvertently damaged the fire panel at 1000 Van Buren St. The management is aware of the situation and acknowledges responsibility and is working on a solution. This cost will be covered by the vendor. The staff has been made aware to call 911 in case of a fire, the Fire Department has been made aware, and West 40 has been consulted. The panel was replaced August 20, 2021 and the lobby annunciator is scheduled for replacement on September 17, 2021.

Also, the circuit board for the fire panel at 1636 S. 10th Street has failed. The vendor has diagnosed the circuit board failed and is preparing a solution. The estimated cost to replace the panel is approximately \$12, 572, plus additional CAD drawings of \$2,500.

The Building and Grounds are hard at work assessing the District's facility needs. They are working on the 5-year Facilities Plan to include the H.S. gym roof top units. These are in need of replacement (24yr old units). The rooftop units have been identified by 20/10 engineering group to be at the end of their useful life.

PAEC Early Childhood Program

The EC program is happy to report that all the students are now registered as of August 25. We did have three students that were projected to be in the program not register by the third week of August. One student moved out of the district and the other two students were not enrolled by the Parents. However, the program has now welcomed back all the rest of the students in person. Both staff and students are slowly getting used to being together again after a school year of being mostly remote due to Covid. We have seen an increase of Parents transporting their children to school for their peace of mind and to insure social distancing. Most of our students are also able to tolerate wearing a mouth cover most of the time. They do need an occasional verbal prompt to cover their nose. We do still have some students that have sensory issues so they are not able to maintain a mouth cover on but the staff does try to make sure that the children sanitize their hands, social distance, and they remind the parents not to send their child to school if they are sick. The Parents are doing a great job of keeping their child home if they have any symptoms of Covid or that their illness is contagious. We are looking forward to a successful school year!

PAEC Therapeutic Day Elementary School

The students have arrived! Everyone was excited to start the school year! The entire team has spent a lot of time reviewing all safety protocols. The students have started learning and reviewing schoolwide procedures and expectations.

The students will be participating in the fall benchmark in FastBridge for both reading and math. The data from FastBridge will be used to drive instruction as well as determine the appropriate interventions for each student.

The staff will be participating in weekly team meetings to discuss the appropriate social/emotional and academic interventions.

There were 3 student initiated time outs and no police incidents for the month of August.

PAEC Therapeutic Day High School

First Week of School

As we conclude the first week of the 21-22 school year, our final student count is representative of numbers from years past (up 12%) from 50 students last year at this time, to 56 students this year. As a team, we are delighted to have our students back five days a week. In person learning has been the best means for our students to receive instruction.

Some minor changes that have taken place are some new instructors which include Ms. Theodora Parianos, Mr. Devin Bowling, and Ms. Markeshia Jones. Additionally, in the administration area Ms. Cynthia Lorek is the new Assistant Principal. Ms. Lorek has done an outstanding job in her first month.

Another positive for PAEC High School, is with our point system. This year students will be able to bank their weekly points from their point sheet and purchase pens, pencils, paper etc... and/or use their points to gain access to some of our different field trips towards the end of the year as a reward for their positive behavior throughout the year pending relief from COVID.

Family Funding

PAEC Administration worked with ISBE to address attendance concerns as they related to parents being issued a P-EBT Card. We are able to identify that student attendance entered into our Teacher Ease data-based did not mirror that of the SIS (student information system) per ISBE. To rectify the issue, student attendance was manually entered into the ISBE system to allow families' to receive payment immediately.

| Use of Physical Management | Isolation Room/Time Out |
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| 0 | 0 |

Monthly Attendance

During the first week of the 21-22 school year PAEC had 39 out of its enrolled 56 students in attendance. During the first week of the 20-21 school year PAEC had 26 out of its enrolled 50 students in attendance. As you can see this is a nice increase from last year. As we emerge from the pandemic our hope is to improve our number of enrolled students and to raise our average daily attendance. We continue to call, text and email parents of students who are returning to our school.

Important Dates for September

Open house – Date: September 30, 2021

PAEC Therapeutic Day High School Vocational Program

- Mr. Loving met with the Hilton and Firehouse Subs to discuss the continuation of the work training program. Currently, because of Covid and the variant students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day.
- Mr. Loving spoke with Lorenzo from Spy 40 through Proviso Township for Mental Health – to discuss internships, work opportunities, mentor programs, and potential presentations.
- Mr. Loving spoke with E & ES and Business and Career Services to discuss work related options for our graduates. Mr. Loving forwarded this information to our graduates.
- Mr. Loving has begun discussing the Custodial Program with students. Interested students will complete a job application and interview. The program will start as soon as the roster is developed.
- Mr. Loving states that he provides students seeking employment with job leads.
- Dr. Bujalka is working with students to complete their transition planning questionnaire and interview. This includes reviewing their current transition plan and goals as indicated on their IEP. The goal is to have met with each student by the end of the quarter.
- Dr. Bujalka will be starting a senior group in the next week or two to address post-secondary education goals in the transition domains as well as a forum in which to discuss graduation related topics. This will be optional for students who are anticipated to graduate and will not take the place of individual sessions to address transition goals.
- Dr. Bujalka is working to discuss with each credit-deficient student their credits and anticipated graduation date. There are currently a total of 19 students utilizing Apex (our credit recovery program). This number will increase as meetings to discuss credits with students continue

PAEC Academy at Divine Infant

PAEC Academy has gotten off to a great start. Students are attending on a full time, regular basis. Teachers are assessing students through Fastbridge and informal testing to assess where each student is functioning and whether or not there has been some regression due to the COVID shut down.

We are preparing for the IAR testing, which we will start as soon as the booklets arrive. Students are settling into the routine and overall seem happy to be back in school. Social distancing is going well. Students are 3 or more feet apart in the classroom (with desk shields) and 6 or more feet apart in the cafeteria. Students are now understanding the rule of staying 6 feet from their classmates when in the hall, cafeteria, or gym.

We have tested a few students using BinaxNow testing system, so far they have tested negative. Next week we will begin to test staff members who have not been vaccinated. Teachers will be splitting students into groups in the next week or two.

PAEC Center

The children were welcomed back to the in person learning environment! For the first time in 18 months, classrooms were filled with staff and students ready and eager to learn.

All of the students were assigned their Chromebooks and classes are underway.

This year the students housed in the PAEC Center building will be assessed using the SANDI assessment. It is a modified assessment for students with special needs.

In addition, the Unique Curriculum continues to be utilized. We have also added a new science curriculum, to supplement Unique. Generation Genius is an online science curriculum which uses videos, and has discussion questions, vocabulary, reading materials and activities for the students along with a teacher guide.

The students in the Proviso East building will continue to be assessed using Fastbridge. The curriculum is geared to functional living skills such as money, time, etc. They too, will use the Generation Genius curriculum.

The Transition program has begun. Students are housed at the Rock of Ages building. Due to the COVID pandemic we are currently unable to go to volunteer sites. However, there are some students gainfully employed and others continue to work on their resumes, job applications, and interview skills. The curriculum consists of real situations such as renting apartments, grocery shopping, budgeting etc.

We look forward to a healthy, productive school year.

PAEC Center Vocational Program/Transition Program

Currently there are **6** students employed competitively. Unemployed students are directed to apply for competitive employment via in person, or direct contact with employers. These students are monitored via one-on-one meets, emails, and/or text messaging. When students apply for competitive employment on their own, they are instructed to send me screenshots of completed applications. We also keep records of applications, students complete with me and/or staff.

Students that are currently employed are on the chart below:

| | Employment | Hours | Job |
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| 1 | Home Run Inn Pizza | 22 hours per week | Cashier |
| 2 | Taco Bell | 15 hours per week | Crew |
| 3 | Symphony Nursing Home | 15 hours per week | Activity Aid |
| 4 | Family Dollar | 25-28 hours per week | Customer Service Associate |

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| 5 | White Castle | 16-20 hours per week | Stocker/Maintenance |
| 6 | Brookfield Zoo | 20-25 hours per week | Food Service Associate |

Students are not working at Volunteer sites right now, due to Covid season.

I have continued to set up individual meetings with Transition students and we will start to complete applications soon. Students will continue to follow up by phone or have interviews with prospective employers. We are continuing to push forward and completing more applications within the next 2 weeks although we are at the beginning of the school year.

PAEC Intervention Team

District 87

Jefferson Primary School

Three Interventionist have worked closely with school principal and teachers to provide consultative behavioral support and classroom management for specific students (7) identified through building student support team and previous behavior support. The interventionist continue to develop relationships with these specific students while providing full day behavioral interventions and supports. Student's grade level ranges are K-2nd

Whittier Primary School

Since the start of school there has been one student identified with behavioral concerns in which a behavior interventionist has consulted and worked with school counselor and principal to implement a positive behavior plan based on incentives and rewards

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School

Classroom Management Support is being provided for a special education teacher who has recently returned to in person learning with her students. A CHAMPS format is being followed to help support that along with the introduction of a positive reinforcement program (First Step Next) to help students succeed at school and home.

District 92

Lindop School

Consultation is being provided for one student who has had some recent behavioral concerns. The interventionists have collaborated to begin the process of a behavior plan to help support this student.

District 209

Currently there are 3 Interventionist at Proviso West High school working with grade level principals in supporting students and providing academic and social emotional

assistance. At Proviso East there are currently two Interventionist and a professional search along with interviewing has begun to hire a third.

PAEC OT/PT Department

Staff adjustments: New Staff for this school year: OT: Catrina Atwood, Ashley Maldonado, Jamie Kramer, and COTA: Iris Saucedo. We have one OT on a Leave of Absence: Judy Chavira and we are in the process of hiring an OT to cover her leave.

Activities of the department:

1. The OT/PT staff are in the process of getting equipment supplies to students for in-person learning.
2. The AT team is working on helping therapists, teachers, students, and families on using their communication devices at school.
3. The OT/PT staff have been busy making sure both Sensory Rooms at PAEC Center and PAEC Elementary are available to be up and running.
4. The Assistive Technology team is working together with the Speech Department on a training schedule for AAC devices/software for those in the districts and in PAEC programs.
5. The OT/PT department conducted new hire orientation training on 8-17-21 in-person at PAEC Center for the new OT staff.
6. The OT/PT department conducted their monthly meeting in-person on 8-18-21 from 11:30 to 3:00 PM.
7. The OT/PT/AT Departments attended the SANDI training for those who were assigned to PAEC Center from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM via Zoom on 8-19-21.
8. The OT/PT/AT Departments attended the Lesson Pix training from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM via Zoom on 8-19-21. This is a new program for making visuals and worksheets for those who need more structure in their day.
9. The OT/PT Department attended district training that were appropriate to their school assignments.
10. We have received a donation from Ms. Paula Parat for 2 used portable wheelchairs. Donation Letter attached. One of the wheelchairs has already been issued to go into District 87 for student use.
11. We have received a donation from Mr. Jeffrey Schmidt for a Ridgeway Portable BT Speaker System. Donation Letter attached. This system will be used at PAEC Center for student and staff use.
12. The OT/PT Department had therapists participate in the District 93 (Hillside) Pre-School Screenings at Hillside School at the beginning of the school year.
13. The OT/PT Department had therapists participate in the District 87 Pre-School Screenings during the month of August and at the beginning of the year.
11. Our OT/PT/AT Departments have received PPE (face shields, goggles, and clear masks if necessary) to be able to engage in in-person sessions when necessary.
12. The AT Team was chosen for a 1 hour recorded presentation for Closing the Gap on October 11-13, 2021. Elizabeth Rotert will be the presenter. The title is: AAC for Preschool: A review of AAC options, research, and personal experiences

See attached pictures of the donated items.



Ridgeway Portable BT Speaker and Microphone



Portable Manual Everest & Jennings wheelchair

PAEC Psychologist Department

- Psychologist Dr. Michael Cermak was a member of the District 87 summer diagnostic team. He, along with other team members, participated in evaluations for students during the first two weeks of August. Staffing for these students were held on August 19th.
- Psychologist Dayle Ashley-Harding will be supervising a full-time school psychologist intern, Lindsey VanDerAa, and part-time practicum student, Ashley Saperstein. Both Lindsey and Ashley are in the school psychology graduate program at Loyola Chicago.
- Psychologist Dayle Ashley-Harding and school psychologist intern Lindsey VanDerAa attended the Hillside District 93 Institute Days August 16th and 17th at Hillside School.
- Psychologist Dayle Ashley-Harding, school psychologist intern Lindsey VanDerAa and Loyola school psychology practicum student Ashley Saperstein participated in a preschool screening at Hillside School on August 23rd.
- Psychologist Dr. Michael Cermak, will be supervising Loyola Chicago school psychology practicum student Kristen Bialek. Kristen will work with Dr. Cermak at Sunnyside Elementary and MacArthur Middle Schools.
- Psychologist Dr. Paola Gonzalez-Bonet will be supervising full-time intern Emely Rovira in the District 87 blended preK/EC program along with the PAEC EC program.

- District 87 psychologists Melissa Gomez, Alma Rosario, Dr. Michael Cermak and school psychologist intern Emely Rovira participated in District 87's Institute Day on August 23rd.

PAEC Social Work Department

1. The PAEC School Social Work Department had their first In-Service virtually on Friday, August 27, 2021. Ms. Maria A. Laquerre, MS, LMFT, RPT-S, CEO of New Hope Therapy Center, did a presentation on "Trauma Narratives with Children & Teens with Play Therapy Techniques".
2. The PAEC School Social Work Department New Hires:
Ms. Elizabeth Baldi at Proviso East High School
Ms. Ziomari Rivera at PAEC High School Therapeutic Day School
3. The PAEC School Social Work Department Change of Assignment:
Ms. Lisa Allen at PAEC Academy & PAEC High School Therapeutic Day School
4. The PAEC School Social Work Department Resignation:
Mr. Kevin Dawley at Proviso West High School
5. The PAEC School Social Work Department Committees for the 2021-22 School Year:
 - a. In-Service Committee (Co-Chair: Ms. Monette Carlos, LCSW) – This committee plans and coordinates, with the Lead School Social Worker (Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW), social work related workshops, trainings, and in-services for the 2022-23 school year.
 - b. Sunshine Committee (Co-Chair: Ms. Lindsey Holsten, LCSW)-This Committee plans and coordinates the PAEC School Social Work Department's sending of gifts, floral arrangements, cards, etc., on behalf of the department, for the births, marriages, illnesses, etc., of other PAEC Employees or various agency personnel in the Proviso Township Area.
 - c. Crisis Committee (Co-Chair: Mr. Saamil Patel) – This is a response team that provides crisis intervention services to groups/individuals in need due to a traumatic event which may have occurred within a PAEC operated school program (i.e., PAEC Center, PAEC Elementary School, etc.), at neighboring school districts, or out in the Proviso Township community. The PAEC School Social Work Department Crisis Team works collaboratively with and assists the PAEC Administration in identifying all individuals/groups that may be at risk in the time of a traumatic event. The Crisis Committee members work collaboratively with the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission's Network of Care Coordinators in planning after crisis care services/resources.

- d. Adaptive Behavior Assessment Committee (Co-Chair: Mr. Michael Irgang, MSW) – This committee is in place to monitor and provide technical assistance with the administration of the current formal adaptive behavior assessment that is being implemented department-wide, as well as obtain ongoing feedback from the PAEC School Social Workers.
- e. Transitional Therapy Program (Provider: Mr. Joseph Vasilevski, LCPC) – This individual provides PAEC Students and their families with various additional mental health services that go beyond what may be provided by the school social workers. The community mental health need that is being addressed in the Transitional Therapist Program is to meet counseling, emergency crisis management, family relationship concerns, alcohol/substance/physical abuse needs, child neglect, bereavement needs, and any other social, emotional, and behavioral needs of high risk youth and their families who receive services through the PAEC Cooperative (SEJA# 803) and member school districts who have a joint agreement with PAEC.

***The PAEC School Social Work Committees will be submitting quarterly updates to the PAEC Lead School Social Worker (Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW).

- f. PAEC’s Lead School Social Worker, Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW, as the LAN 60 Collaborative Chairperson, will be facilitating quarterly LAN 60 meetings this year, with the first Virtual LAN 60 meeting taking place on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 1:00pm-2:30pm.
- g. The PAEC Social Work Department’s next virtual meeting & in-service training will be:

Date: Friday, September 10, 2021
 Time: 10:00am-12:30pm
 Topic: PAEC School Social Work Department Meeting
 Presenter: Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW
 Location: Virtual via Google Meet

Afternoon PAEC School Social Work Department Meeting:

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
 Topic: PAEC School Social Work In-Service Training
 Presenter: Ms. Courtney Doyle – Linden Oaks
 Location: Virtual via Google Meet

- 6. Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW (PAEC School Social Work Lead), as acting President of the Illinois School Social Work Supervisors & Coordinators Council (ISSW-SCC), will be chairing the ISSW-SCC’s meeting on Friday, October 1, 2021, 10:00am-1:30pm, virtually via Google Meet.

PAEC Speech/Language Department

- All new SLPs have been trained and are working in their respective districts and schools. Anna Burke, SLP, has been hired to cover Lincoln Primary/D88.
- Lead SLP has established a schedule for S/L Department meetings and is working to develop a professional development calendar.
- SLPs are working through their state required trainings through Infinitec.
- All of the SLPs who provide services in PAEC programs and district Elementary programs have been provided a yearlong membership to LessonPix. On Aug. 19 from 1-2, LessonPix provided a training for SLP/OT/PT to introduce them to the capabilities of the program.

PAEC Special Olympics

Special Olympics Illinois is playing it pretty safe at the beginning of the year to see how things change in regards to Covid. Specifically, basketball intent to play needs to be submitted by mid-October which gives us some time to see how much interest there is. Dates for soccer and bowling are not set yet, but hopefully we have around the same numbers as pre-pandemic, which was around 50-70 students participating program wide. Special Olympics has required all athletes to participate in masks this year as required by the Governor to keep our students and staff safe. We are optimistic that Special Olympics will be played this year and we are looking forward to our students enjoying the games and comradery.

Mr. Ling
 PAEC Center D/APE Teacher
 PAEC Special Olympics Basketball Coordinator

XII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

XIII. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD

The next Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2021.

XIV. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Donation Letter for Ms. Paula Parat for 2 Portable Manual CIDA Everest & Jennings Wheelchairs.
- Donation Letter for Mr. Jeffrey Schmidt for Ridgeway Portable BT Speaker.
- Pictures from District #89 Back to School Fair

XV. CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Motion:

I move to convene into Closed Session at _____ PM, under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific individual(s) who serve as independent contractor(s), specific volunteer(s) of the Board, or legal counsel for the Board and under section 2(c)21 to discuss minutes

of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Minutes Act for the purpose of review, approval or release of minutes as presented.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

I move to adjourn the meeting at _____ PM for lack of further items to discuss.

MJ/tl