

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

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dawson, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Roll call:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Absent
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Present
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

Also present: Mr. Michael James, Executive Director, Mrs. Vanessa Schmitt, Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Sherry Reynolds-Whittaker, Business Manager, and Mrs. Trainette Latham, Recording Secretary.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

III. APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the Governing Board Minutes of August 18, 2021, as presented. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion.

Roll call:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Aye
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Absent
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Aye
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Aye
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Aye

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

V. - Approval of Payroll

VI. - Approval of Bills

VII. - New Business

A. Employment/Resignations/Terminations

B. FMLA Request

C. Remote Learning in lieu of Snow Day

D. Presentment of Proposed Amendments to Articles of Joint Agreement

Ms. O'Connell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which encompasses agenda items V (Payroll), VI (Bills), and VII (New Business) as presented. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Aye
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Absent
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Aye
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Aye
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Aye

4 Ayes, 1 Absent

Motion carried

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 has allowed PAEC staff to participate. District #92 will also be hosting a vaccination clinic on September 18th and information will be forthcoming.

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.

Mr. Dawson wanted to know if PAEC has a Policy Committee. Mr. James explained that in the previous years, there has not been a committee for PAEC Policies. At this point, it consists of Mr. James, Mrs. Latham, and Mrs. Schmitt.

J. Proof of Vaccination-Executive Order

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

Mr. James explained that an email was sent to the Governing Board and all staff with information regarding COVID exposure before and after the Executive Order from Governor Pritzker goes into effect on Monday, September 19th. A flowchart was presented to the Governing Board that Mrs. Latham created to give a visual for staff to understand the process when there is an exposure. Mr. James mentioned that he has been trying to encourage vaccinations.

Staff will have to provide proof of negative test results within 72 hours upon entering the buildings on Monday mornings once the Executive Order goes into place. PAEC Nursing Department will not have the appropriate amount of time to test all staff that is not vaccinated the first day of each week which is why it was decided for 72 hours for proof of negative results. Staff is required to have the PCR test results and not the BinaxNow test.

We will continue with weekly testing for those individuals who are not vaccinated. If staff are not vaccinated, they must be quarantined for 10 days and will be able to use sick time. Any unvaccinated staff member that refuses to be tested will be immediately sent home on UNPAID sick leave until proof of negative results is presented.

Mr. James also mentioned that some programs have staff that are 50% vaccinated. PAEC High School has a very high unvaccinated group of staff. Most Administrators are vaccinated, all of the A-Pod Business Office staff, Speech/Language Pathologists, and Psychologists are vaccinated.

Mr. James answered the question that was presented on whether PAEC has received pushback for being testing over the weekend. The answer was yes and also, Mr. James explained that there are staff that has been given pushback in regards to checking emails over the weekend. Some staff feels that they are not required to check emails on the weekends.

Mr. James mentioned that the quarantine periods for some districts are different which is why he has decided to stick with the 10 day quarantine period for COVID exposures. In District #87, when there is an exposure, one person quarantines. In Westchester, the quarantine period is 10 days, in Maywood, there is a 14 day quarantine period. Our nurses have emailed the districts to notify families that have students in the district schools when there has been exposure and the sibling has to be quarantined. Mr. James has also emailed the Governing Board of any exposures.

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 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.

Mr. James mentioned to the Governing Board that District #88 has started transporting students to and from school using the Windy City Limousine Company. The district has agreed to pay PAEC staff that will ride the bus before and after school as well as pay staff that will assist in waiting in the afternoon with students. PAEC staff will be paid at an hourly rate. Students were getting home at extremely late hours.

First Student Transportation has been struggling to find drivers. The bus company has explained that they are sitting 2 students to a seat to make up for the shortage of drivers and routes. For students who have difficulty wearing masks, Mr. James requested that they be placed in a seat by themselves.

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 the FY22 Audit that is scheduled for completion in September. The business office has finished updating salaries for the FY22 school year in Infinite Vision for employees 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.

Dr. Whittaker mentioned that PAEC's first payroll had a few glitches but was able to work through them.

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 promptly. 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 on 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 rooftop units. These require replacement (24yr old units). The rooftop units have been identified by the 20/10 engineering group to be at the end of their useful life.

Dr. Whittaker mentioned that there will be a long-range facility committee meeting scheduled for the first week of October.

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 in Parents transporting their children to school for their peace of mind and to ensure 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!

Mr. James mentioned to the Governing Board, that the plaque for Mrs. Carol Michels was presented today. She received the 2nd copy and the plaque was placed on the wall by the EC Playground. Pictures of the dedication will be sent to the Governing Board.

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 school-wide 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
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 we hope 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 the 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 that 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
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
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 the 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 interventionists 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 interventionists 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 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 was 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 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 was 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 it's 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, training, 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. Saumil Patel) – This is a response team that provides crisis intervention services to groups/individuals in need due to a traumatic event that 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 needs 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 – 1:00 pm-2:30 pm.
- 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, 10:00 am-1:30 pm, 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 training 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 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.

Mr. James mentioned to the Governing Board that we just found out that for the previous two years, the vote for the fiscal year budget was not on the agenda. We have been mimicking the agendas for those years and it was not discovered until looking at the September 2018 Governing Board meeting.

We are requesting a Special Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:00 PM to approve and vote on the FY'22 PAEC Budget. This meeting will be held via Zoom to have the budget approved by the September 30th deadline.

Mr. James explained how her goal for PAEC is to do real-time budgeting instead of mid-year adjustments. Mr. James commended Dr. Whittaker for looking into this as a possibility. Dr. Whittaker will be meeting with other Cooperative Business Managers to get their opinion on getting this done for PAEC. We will also look to revisit the Cost-Model per Dr. Whittaker.

XIV. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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

XV. CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to go into a Closed Session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. O'Connell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM for lack of further items to discuss. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion.

Roll call:

District 87
District 88
District 92
District 93
District 209

Ms. O'Connell
Ms. Clark-Smith
Mr. Dawson
Mr. Richardson
Mr. Wagner

Aye
Absent
Aye
Aye
Aye

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Dawson
President of the Governing Board



Dorothy Clark-Smith
Secretary of the Governing Board

MJ/TL