



**Crowley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD)
Management Board Meeting
April 11, 2022**

Meeting began at 2:00pm by Larry Williams

Members Present:

- Diane Burnett (Alvarado ISD)
- Dena Schimming (Burlison ISD)
- Cory Borden (Cleburne ISD)
- Larry Williams (Crowley ISD)
- Ginna Marks (Everman ISD)
- Angela Gonzalez (JCSSA)
- Natalie Stuckey (Joshua ISD)

Others Present:

- Jill Dejewski (Alvarado ISD)
- Shannon Johnson (Crowley ISD)

Report Items

- **RDSPD Student Celebrations:** Larry Williams reported on the activities and future plans of the four graduating seniors, the participation of secondary students in extra-curricular activities, the participation of a student in the early college high school program, and the participation of high school students in CTE programs.
- **RDSPD Staff Celebrations:** Larry Williams reported that the RDSPD program is fully staffed for 2021-22 school year. This year the RDSPD hired a new RDSPD Instructional Specialist, an elementary teacher of the deaf, a high school teacher of the deaf and 6 interpreters.
- **Student Counts:** Larry Williams reported on RDSPD student counts. As of January 15, 2022, there were 37 RDSPD students and 75 itinerant students. Compared to last year, there was an increase of 3 RDSPD students and an increase of 1 itinerant student.
- **Cluster Site Information:** Larry Williams reported on cluster site information. At Deer Creek Elementary there are 17 students, 3 teachers, 2 interpreters, and 2 para-professionals. At Richard Allie Middle School there are 9 students, 1 teacher, and 3 interpreters. At Crowley 9th/Crowley High School/CTE there are 11 students, 2 teachers, and 6 interpreters.

- **Support Staff:** Larry Williams reported on district support staff. Shannon Johnson is the RDSPD Instructional Specialist, Nancy Olson is the RDSPD Itinerant Teacher, and Dr. Nancy Lucas is the Audiologist. Nancy Olson plans on decreasing her caseload next year. Another retired teacher of the deaf has expressed interest in picking up any of Nancy's caseload.
- **RDSPD Program Review:** Larry Williams updated on the RDSPD program review. Phase 1 (data collection) of the program review was completed in February 2022. Phase 2 (site visit) is scheduled for February 2023. This only impacts the cluster site program in Crowley ISD. There is no impact to member districts. A summary recommendation will be provided by the review team after the site visit in 2023. The information in the summary recommendation will be shared at the 2023 RDSPD Management Board Meeting.
- **Tuition:** Larry Williams reported on tuition. Tuition is determined by the shortfall method. Annual tuition for 2022-23 was approximately \$21,270 for each RDSPD student. Future tuition cannot be determined until entitlements, program costs and student enrollment numbers are determined in the Fall of 2022. It is anticipated that tuition costs will be comparable to this year.

Action Item

- **SSA Agreement:** The 2022-23 Crowley RDSPD SSA Agreement was previously provided to member districts for review. Adjustments were made in the document to reflect the recent change from auditory impairment (AI) to deaf or hard of hearing (DHH). No other changes were recommended. Larry Williams will provide a final copy of the SSA Agreement and the Letter of Authorization to member districts. The 2022-23 Crowley RDSPD SSA Agreement was unanimously approved by the special education directors from the member districts. Representatives of member districts will recommend the agreement as presented to their local school board or SSA board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm