

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – OCTOBER 1, 2013

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY AND LITERACY COMMISSION

SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY CLERK DIVISION

COMMENT: Three seats on the Library and Literacy Commission have terms that expire October 2013. Staff publicized notice of the vacancies and solicited applications from interested individuals.

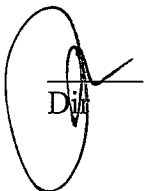
As of the time of Agenda preparation, the City Clerk's office has received the following Requests for Appointment for Council's consideration:

- Jennifer Biagio
- Tamara Bishop (Incumbent)
- Catherine May (Incumbent)

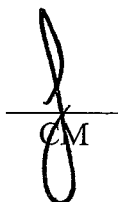
Requests for Appointment received after Agenda preparation will be provided to the City Council and be made available for the public under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council appoint three individuals to fill the three seats with four-year terms due to expire in October 2017.

ATTACHMENTS: Requests for Appointment


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CITY OF PORTERVILLE
CITY CLERK OFFICE

CITY OF PORTERVILLE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Please complete all blanks.

Name: Jennifer L. Biagio
(Please Print)

Appointment to: Library & Literacy Committee
(Name of Board, Commission, or Committee)

Reappointment; or IF NEW, please provide :

Street Address: 212 E. Putnam Ave.
Porterville, CA 93257

Mailing Address: (same)

Name of Business: Porterville Unified School District

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Business Address: 600 W. Grand Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257

Telephone: Home 559. 359. 4228

Work 559. 782. 7110

FAX 559. 788. 0216

E-mail jbiagio@portervilleschools.org

City of Porterville resident:

Yes
 No

Registered Voter:

Yes
 No

Qualifications: _____

I am a Resource Specialist for Porterville
Unified School District. Please see my
attached resumé for my experience with
literacy, work in the community, and
additional leadership responsibilities.

Resume attached

Letter of request attached

Submitted By: Jennifer L. Biagin 9.11.2013
Date

Received by: Kuon Zawala

Forwarded to: City Clerk Date: 9-11-2013

City Council Date: 9-26-2013

City Manager Date: _____

Applicable Dept. Date: _____

Tentative Council Mtg Date: Oct 1, 2013

Jennifer L. Biagio
212 East Putnam Avenue
Porterville, California 93257
September 11, 2013

Mr. John Lollis, City Manager
City of Porterville
291 North Main Street
Porterville, California 93257

Dear Mr.Lollis:

I am writing in reference to the current open position on the Porterville Library & Literacy Commission. My name is Jennifer Biagio and I am a Resource Specialist working for the Porterville Unified School District. I have a passionate interest and commitment to excellence in learning and literacy, for not only students, but educators and community members as well. Although my credential and Masters Degree are in Special Education, I have a great passion for English Language Development, intervention systems with progress monitoring, and engaged teaching strategies in literacy. I've participated in several leadership committees for Porterville Unified School District and have, personally, worked with students ranging from Preschool to Twelfth Grade.

Three years ago, I presented a new model to one of the school sites I was working for and with the support of my principal launched this plan school wide. Our efforts paid off and our school gained 71 API points overall and was the only school to get out of Program Improvement in our district. I believe that teams are essential to the growth of students and that students, especially, play a part in this strategy. I have worked with several principals and directors in leadership roles--specifically, the RTI Process of Interventions. I have a great interest in data collection, implementation of best practices, and teaming those together with staff through training and development. Recently, I increased this focus to our English Language Learners and presented a new data monitoring system for our K-6 ELL students during a Governing School Board meeting. Again, the achievement took effect and our school was awarded the Distinguished Flame Torch Award for excellence with all students. Essentially, this system yielded scores with no gaps and an opportunity to highlight that all children can and will learn.

Even more than my love for using best practices in my teaching and diagnostic data tracking of students, is the enjoyment of sharing it with colleagues. In May, I co-authored and led a breakout discussion for community members of Porterville at a Parent Education and Special Education Awareness Conference at Porterville College. I truly believe in life-long learning and growth and would be thrilled to be part of such a forward thinking, resourceful team that would make such an impact for the community of Porterville. As a lifelong resident of Porterville, and daughter of two educators, I see the great influence and need of driving literacy into our community. It is that philosophy that so much appeals to me and confirms my beliefs that I would be a good fit for the Porterville Library & Literacy Commission.

I hope to have an opportunity to demonstrate my abilities to you and others in the near future.

Respectfully


Jennifer L. Biagio

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ENTHUSIASTIC EDUCATOR

...dedicated to guiding all students to succeed while inspiring them with life-long learning.

Visionary Leader, Team Player, and Certificated Special Education Teacher with a Master's Degree coupled with five years' experience instructing elementary and secondary education students, working hands-on with students of all learning capacities, and implementing effective programs for school sites. Background includes three years of studying Fine Arts.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- A **passionate, creative, and fervent educator**, mentor and advisor who has the philosophy that all children can learn and thrive in a learning environment that is engaging, comforting, and appropriate to their exceptional talents and abilities.
 - **Specializations include:** Autism Spectrum, Processing Disorders, Mild/Moderate Handicaps, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Power Brain Teaching.
 - **Instructional Leadership** – Motivated team member that appreciates and respects all aspects of working in teams and persevering through with a goal in mind.
 - **Connecting with Parents** – Making the collaboration of school to home in education and behavior and educating parents in the areas of special education and the latest in academic technology.
 - Utilize a **visionary approach with consistency** to help all students by instilling confidence and knowledge to ensure that *No Child is Left Behind*.
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HIGHLIGHTED PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Porterville, CA

June 2009 – Current

Itinerant Resource Specialist

- Primary schools managed include Roche Avenue School (pop.387), Belleview Elementary (pop.495), Olive Street School (pop.740), Westfield Elementary (pop.775), and West Putnam Elementary (pop.490).
- Designed resource and intervention programs to service students ranging in ability levels from mild risk to medically fragile students to Special Day Class identified.
- Supervisor to multiple instructional assistants and behavior intervention specialists. Duties include managing their schedules and curriculum with monitoring strategies for students.
- Design and execute academic, behavior, and social programs for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) in correlation with Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) Law and best practices.
- Manage and supply direct instruction in multiple learning interventions school-wide, Kinder – Sixth Grade.
- Enhance teaching using all modalities and engagement strategies using approach by Drs. Robert Marzano and Kate Kinsella.
- At administrative request, attend School Attendance Review Board (SARB) hearings to work with parents and students in better attendance and behavior in school. This partnership is with the court system of the City of Porterville.

Highlighted Achievements

- Created a school-wide spreadsheet documentation to track every student in all facets of their education to monitor for growth and at risk behaviors. By using this method, was able to use the Response to Intervention and Instruction model on site and prevent un-necessary special education testing.
- Academic and Instructional Leader to staff members in training best practices in teaching.
- Mentored and coached students to help boost their confidence and competencies, as evidence by scores and completion of work.
- Assisted Principal, Julissa Leyva, with the organization and submission for the 2011 Categorical Program Monitoring Audit for California.
- Provided Professional Development to staff in the areas of special education and the RTI² Model.

OLIVE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Porterville, CA

Sept 2007 – June 2009

Special Day Class Teacher and Resource Specialist

- Developed daily lesson plans and testing materials; leveraged the use of technology to enhance instruction, infusing the use the latest technology to instruct students providing them a hands-on approach to learning.
- Served as an instructional leader by modeling high expectations for students of **all** disabilities and implementing results focused programs.
- Created an environment for students with disabilities, that enriched their opportunities in the areas of Fine Arts and Science Research, in addition to Reading, Writing, and Math subjects.
- Organized a school wide focus to interventions utilizing the special education tier to be included with all other EXCEL modeled leveling for grades 2nd through 6th.
- Using similar formats used in special education, designed and implemented an index sheet to be included in cum files at the end of the school year to track every single intervention for every student on the school site. This resource is still currently being implemented.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Committees served:

Porterville Unified School District, Porterville

<i>PUSD Common Core Committee</i>	(March 2012-Current)	<i>Bartlett Junior High Leadership</i>	(2011-2012)
<i>PUSD Student Services Leadership</i>	(2009-Current)	<i>WestEd Leadership Member</i>	(2008-2012)
<i>School Site Council Member</i>	(2009-Current)	<i>ELAC Representative</i>	(2009-2012)
<i>Elementary Leadership Team</i>	(2007-Current)	<i>Response to Intervention Committee</i>	(2010-2011)
<i>Student Study Team</i>	(2007-Current)		

EDUCATION

M.S., Special Education, National University, Fresno, CA – 2009

Thesis: "Response to Intervention and English Language Learners"
Graduated Magna Cum Laude Honors

B.S., Organizational Leadership, Chapman University, Orange, CA – 2004

Minor: Psychology
Graduated Cum Laude Honors

Study Abroad Program-Florence, Italy: Fine Arts & Culture – 1999

ASSOCIATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

California Teacher Certification: Preliminary Level 1 Education Specialist
CLAD English Language Development Certified Teacher
Handwriting Without Tears (Occupational Therapy Curriculum) Certified Teacher
Crisis Prevention Intervention Certificated
Autism Spectrum Best Practices Certificated Teacher
Common Core State Standards Trained Teacher

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PERSONNEL

CITY OF PORTERVILLE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Please complete all blanks.

Name: Tamara Bishop
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Appointment to: Library Commission
(Name of Board, Commission, or Committee)

Reappointment; or IF NEW, please provide :

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Business: _____

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Business Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____

Work _____

FAX _____

E-mail _____

City of Porterville resident:

Yes

No

Registered Voter:

Yes

No

Qualifications: Tamara Bishop
a current member of Library
Commission) and working with this
board on future goals.

Member of Inter Se. Portersville's oldest
literary group. (1895) This group helped
establish Portersville Library. Every December,
they donate children's book to the library.

I taught school for 33 years. Have
enjoyed establishing small libraries for
youth groups. I am a member of Delta
Kappa Gamma, Eta Zeta Chapter. (It
is an international group of educators)
 Resume attached helping further the education
 Letter of request attached of teachers. We help new teachers
with supplies and assistance when
needed.)

Submitted By: Tamara Bishop Sept. 10, 2013
Date

Received by: _____

Forwarded to: City Clerk Date: 9-13-13

City Council Date: 9-26-13

City Manager Date: _____

Applicable Dept. Date: _____

Tentative Council Mtg Date: 10-1-13

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PERSONNEL

Please complete all blanks.

Name: Catherine E. May

(Please Print)

Appointment to: Library and Literacy Commission
(Name of Board, Commission, or Committee)

Reappointment; or IF NEW, please provide :

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Business: _____

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Business Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____

Work _____

FAX _____

E-mail _____

City of Porterville resident:

Yes

No

Registered Voter:

Yes

No

Qualifications: currently seated on the Commission

- Resume attached
- Letter of request attached

Submitted By: Catherine E. May 9/10/13
Date

Received by: _____

Forwarded to: City Clerk Date: 9/13/13
City Council Date: 9/26/13
City Manager Date: _____
Applicable Dept. Date: _____

Tentative Council Mtg Date: Oct 1, 2013