Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC)

Thursday, September 19, 2013
Anchor Center for Blind Children
2550 Roslyn Street
Denver, CO 80238

Meeting Minutes

CSEAC Mission: Our mission is to actively represent children/youth with disabilities and impact decisions made on their behalf to enhance the quality of educational services.

CSEAC Vision: All learners are respected and challenged with high expectations, their needs are met, and student aspirations for success are fulfilled.

Members in Attendance: David Aarestad, Adric Arndt, Pat Chamberlain, Pam Christy, Roberta Curtis, Cassidy Dellemonache, Beverly Harris, Nancy Harris, Linda Hayes, Cindy Holden, Zoe Ann Holmes, Joanne Irons, Karin McGuire, Patti McVay, Sarah Metsch, Kathy Mortensen, Renee Niskanen, Debra Paul, Katherine Rains, Dr. Erin Ross, Kindra Sanchez-Marble, Missy Sieders, Lori Smith, Anna Stewart, Greg Sullivan, Lori Thompson

Absences: Dean Cockroft, Cheryl Gaines, Nancy Lemmond, Tom McMillan, Dr. Tracy Mueller, Robert Ward

CDE Staff and Other Guests: Randy Boyer, Interim Assistant Commissioner of Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU), Colorado Department of Education (CDE); Barbara Buswell, Executive Director, PEAK Parent Center; Cindy Dascher, Supervisor, Family-School Partnering, CDE/ESSU; Julie Harmon, Director of Parent Services, PEAK Parent Center; Lisa Ortiz, Denver Public Schools; DeLinda Rose, Program Assistant, CDE/ESSU; Karen Rutledge, Outreach Coordinator, Ability Connection Colorado; Dr. Jean Williams, Evaluation Design Specialist, Educator Effectiveness/CDE

Agenda Item	Action	Results
Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment, CSEAC Parent Input	Zoe Ann Holmes led the introductions. All attendees introduced themselves. Parent input discussion about local control in Colorado.	
Subcommittee Meetings	Introduction of subcommittee co-chairs. Subcommittees spent time working on their CSEAC Action Plans.	
CSEAC Outreach-Where CSEAC members are already represented, where we need to be, expectations when representing CSEAC, and mechanisms for reporting back to CSEAC	Zoe Ann talked about the importance of representing CSEAC. Pat Chamberlain provided a report on the State Board of Education meeting she attended.	
State Board of Education Report – Dr. Debora Scheffel, State Board of Education Liaison	Dr. Scheffel discussed the READ Act, Common Core Standards, and Assessments during her report. Discussion followed.	

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State of the State Report – Randy Boyer, Interim Assistant Commissioner, Exceptional Student Services Unit/Colorado Department of Education	Randy Boyer provided a "Special Education ESSU's State in the State" report to CSEAC. Randy reviewed the ESSU organizational chart. ESSU currently has a vacancy for a literacy specialist. The person who fills this position will work closely with the Office of Literacy at CDE. An overview of CDE's new statewide goals and departmental strategic plan that are currently being developed was provided. Identification rates and performance data for students with disabilities in Colorado were presented. Information about the requirements and phases for the new State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) was provided. The SSIP is a comprehensive, ambitious yet achievable plan for improving results for students with disabilities. Discussion ensued.	DeLinda Rose will email the organizational chart to CSEAC members.

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Update from PEAK Parent Center, Colorado's Parent Training and Information Center – Barbara Buswell, Executive Director and Julie Harmon, Director of Parent Services	Barbara Buswell and Julie Harmon from PEAK Parent Center provided a presentation about PEAK Parent Center, Colorado's Parent Training and Information Center. PEAK disseminates information through SPEAKout, E-newsletters, mailings, e-blasts, website, and resource fairs. PEAK received 130,932 contacts within a twelve (12) month period. Principles that guide PEAK services include: • Inclusion…"Belonging in all phases and stage of life" • Independence…with transition to the maximum extent possible • Diversity…all parents and children including those influenced by poverty and/cultural, linguistic, and ability diversity • Service…to all parents of infants and children (0-21) with a *range* of disabilities • Focus on PARENTS as the KEY Decision Makers for their Children PEAK Parent Center's Conference on Inclusive Education will be February 13-14, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Denver Tech Center. This conference is a development opportunity for everyone involved in the education and support of students with disabilities.	
2013 IDEA Leadership Conference – Pat Chamberlain and Zoe Ann Holmes	Pat Chamberlain and Zoe Ann Holmes provided a report on the IDEA Leadership Conference they attended in Washington, DC.	
Subcommittees Report Out, Approval of Minutes, Old Business and New Business	Subcommittees reported out on their Action Goals. Lori Smith discussed the upcoming "People First" special meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. More to come!	

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Educator Effectiveness: Update on Specialized Service Providers – Jean Williams, Ph.D., Evaluation Design Specialist, Educator Effectiveness Unit, CDE	Dr. Jean Williams presented information regarding *Specialized Service Professionals* and *Student Learning Outcomes.* Purposes of S.B. 10-191 • A system to evaluate the effectiveness of licensed personnel and continually improve the quality of education and student outcomes. • Provide meaningful feedback for professional growth and continuous improvement. • Provide a base for making decisions in the areas of hiring, compensation, promotion, assignment, professional development, earning and retaining non-probationary status, dismissal, and nonrenewal of contract. S.B. 10-191 applies to all nine (9) groups of Specialized Service Professionals There is a framework for system to evaluate Specialized Service Professionals. Discussion ensued. Dr. Williams discussed Student Learning Outcomes and provided an overview of *"A Step-By-Step Guide for Selecting and Using Student Learning Outcomes."*	
Approval of Minutes	David Aarestad motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Lori Thompson seconded the motion. Minutes approved as amended.	

Respectfully submitted by DeLinda Rose
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