

Facility Schools Model Work Group Meeting Notes

November 4, 2022, 9:00 - 10:00 AM Virtual - Zoom Meeting

Work Group Members Present: Michele Craig, Stacey Davis, Wendy Dunaway, Paul Foster, Mylynda Herrick, Sonjia Hunt, Erin Osterhaus, Betsy Pepper, Robin Singer, Judy Stirman, Ann Symalla, Barb Taylor, Maureen Welch, Laura Writebol

Work Group Members Absent: Laurie Burney, Kari Chapman, Doug Hainley, Elizabeth Lucier, Sandy Malouff, Germaine Meehan, Brandon Miller, Becky Miller Updike, David Molineux, Steven Ramirez, Deon Roberts, Carolena Steen, Kevin Tracy, Callan Ware

Guest Observers: Amanda Bickel, Isabel Broer, Annie Haskins, Lori Kochevar, Darren Serrato, Sonia Sutton

Facilitator & Support: Virginia (G) Winter, Equinox Consultancy LLC

Analysis Team: Kate McDonald – Dillinger Research & Applied Data

Public Comment: no public comment

Reviewed Guidelines for Interaction, Deliberation and Collaboration, zoom features, today's agenda and the Fall 2022 Work Plan

1. Travels of the Work Group Report (see slides 6 and 8)

The Work Group reviewed the timeline of report reviews, submissions and upcoming hearings

The heartbeat of the Report, the Recommendations

a) The Work Group will need to be prepared for emerging questions from stakeholders now that the report has been made available publicly. Public listening links will be shared with Meeting notes. Members were encouraged to participate.

b) Work Group members reviewed their recommendations with summary descriptions

2. Facility School Board Support (see slide 9)

The Work Group was informed that the Facility Schools Board submitted a letter of support (for the Report Recommendations) to the State Board of Education. This letter will be read into the record during public comment at their November 10 meeting.

Anyone can access listening to the State Board meetings from the State Board of Education webpage.

3. Work Group Sustainability (see slide 10)

Members can depend on routine legislative updates and notices of monthly meeting opportunities.

Two questions were raised and discussed related to staying connected over the ensuring months and thoughts about the work group of the future. Response were given in chat and aloud.

Ideas raised for staying connected:

- Real-time dashboard with updates or have a thermometer of progress per recommendation
- Monthly meetings (continue)

Thoughts about the Work Group going forward:

- Acquire a few 'new' stakeholders, include 'out of district' coalition representation
- Allow an opt-out for current Work Group members; find ways to monitor success
- During monitoring of any Bill, have a 'stakeholder' group that might be available as needed

Next Steps

- Next meeting is Friday, December 2, 2022, 9:00 to TBD
- Should you be unable to attend a regularly scheduled Work Group meeting, PLEASE remember to access and review all post meeting slide decks, meeting notes, and supporting materials to stay abreast of the Work Group's progress meeting to meeting.

Facility Schools Model Work Group



November 4, 2022

Virtual Meeting



Greetings Facility Schools Workgroup Members and Guest Observers

A few notes prior to the meeting starting:

- **Workgroup Members** please have your camera on and relevant documents available at the beginning of the meeting.
- If you are a guest observer to our meeting and would like to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting, please submit your name, group or entity you are representing, and public comment topic in an email to: *Quinn Enright* (Enright_Q@cde.state.co.us) *Note: we request that this is done 24 hours before scheduled meeting times.*
- The Workgroup has allocated time for public comment near the beginning of each meeting. Reference the Agenda, the exact time varies slightly.
- The guidelines for the public comment include: 3 minutes per person, with a maximum of 5 people (or 15 minutes total) allowed.

Work Group Guidelines for Interaction, Deliberation and Collaboration

- Be open minded; Avoid bringing any hidden agendas to the table.
- Not afraid to express your opinion.
- Listen to understand, not respond.
- Don't be afraid of change. Expect changes.
- Stay mission-focused; being transparent in why we're here.
- Tap into the variety of perspectives and expertise available.
- Full understanding of purpose.
- Giving everyone a chance to be heard
- Challenge ourselves to be innovative.
- Be respectful of different points of view.
- Consistent attendance, participation, and engagement.
- Focus and stay on track with the agenda and tasks at hand.
- Create a safe environment to discuss disagreements.
- What is the common denominator we go away with? (i.e. Can we agree on a global fix?)
- Leave room for all voices.
- Focus on the kids. Keep it kid-focused. Kids and family-focused.
- Patience with opposing viewpoints and creative thinking.
- Come to the meeting prepared; adhere to timelines.
- Allow folks that are speaking to finish their comments without interruption.
- Assume positive intention.
- Respect voices for representing constituencies. (Appreciate that members may serve as liaisons to a constituency).
- Good access to materials. Maintain the Google drive with the background information which will help us and aid transparency.
- Critique ideas, not people.

Fall Work Plan

Plan overview through the end of 2022...

August	September (may be shorter meeting)	October(may be shorter meeting)	November & December
<p>Review How We Got Here and Finish Recommendations</p> <p>Come to consensus on the recommendations regarding expanding the Facility School Continuum</p>	<p>Review Recommendations</p> <p>Approve final text of the recommendations to be submitted to the State through the CDE report to the Commissioner</p>	<p>Finalize Report</p> <p>Discussions as needed to finalize CDE report to the State ensure the goals stipulated in SB 21-274 have been satisfied</p>	<p>Sustain the Work Group Sustain Knowledge</p> <p>Appreciate accomplishments and stay ready. Convene the work group as needed to address emerging report questions or issues that may arise</p>

Today's agenda items...

1) **The Travels of the Work Group Report**



The heartbeat of the Report - Your Recommendations in Review

2) **Facility School Board - Support**

3) **Work Group Sustainability - Holding Pattern**

#1 Travels of the Work Group Report!



- Associate Commissioner review - mid-October, 2022
- To Commissioner Anthes - week of October 24
- Formal submission to Joint Budget Committee - October 31
- Published report to members of this Work Group - Nov. 1
- Analyst Amanda Bickel, Education Briefing with JBC (Work Group Report will be utilized) - November 21 (public access)
- CDE's hearing with the (new) JBC - December 9 (public access)

Thoughts and opinions...on emerging questions

Stay tuned...



Recommendation	Description	Anticipated Timeline	Fiscal Impact
Funding Recommendation A: Facility School Quality Baseline Funding	Create a minimum funding level for the educational and therapeutic costs of each facility school, designed in accordance with the minimum required set of student-facing staff and resources.	Baseline funding could go into effect for the 2023-2024 school year and cover all existing, approved Facility Schools moving forward.	
Funding Recommendation B: Facility School Shared Operational Services	Funding to identify and develop a set of shared operational services across interested Facility Schools, to realize economies of scale for non-student-facing staff, services, and/or resources.	Identification of services could take place during the 2023-2024 school year and implementation of the shared services model could go into full effect beginning the 2024-2025 school year.	Year 1: \$100,000 Year 2: \$200,000
Capacity Recommendation A: Development of a technical assistance center to support school districts	Create a technical assistance center for the provision of training and professional development to support districts to help increase the number of students that can remain in their home district.	Buildout and staffing of the center could take place during the 2023-2024 school year. Delivery of services could begin during the 2024-2025 school year with priority of initial programming directed to rural districts	Additional FTE for Colorado Department of Education is anticipated
Continuum Recommendation A: Expand Access and Locations for Students Services in the Facility School Continuum	Expand the definition of facility schools to address the disparity between student needs and the existing continuum of services within Colorado	Consideration of changes could begin during the 2023-2024 school years.	
Continuum Recommendation B: Clarify and Improve the Process to Qualify as a Facility School	Collaboration of state-level entities to promote revisions, clarifications, or additional support for the licensure and approval process to become a facility school	Consideration of process changes could begin during the 2023-2024 school year	No fiscal impact

This set of recommendations work together to facilitate changes that can maximize the resources, reach, and scope of Facility Schools across the state and are supported by an additional recommendation to sustain the Work Group to inform and guide implementation and any necessary adjustments.

#2 Facility School Board - Support

On November 2nd - the Facility Schools Board held a special meeting in which they voted to send a letter to the State Board of Education (SBE) to be read during the public comment section of the meeting.

The Facility Schools Board requested that the SBE support the recommendations made in the SB21-274 Work Group report.

The letter was transmitted November 2nd to be read at the November 10th State Board of Education meeting.

Facility Schools Mission

The Office of Facility Schools will provide systems of support for students and staff that cultivate education environments that value relationships, compassion, and academic outcomes.



#3 Work Group Sustainability

Your facilitator's goal: To sustain the knowledge and vitality of this Work Group through the long, cold Colorado winter!

Going forward, members will receive

- ❖ Legislative updates via email re: SB 21-274, if there's action or progress to highlight. Remember you & interested stakeholders can reference the FS work group webpage for similar updates.
- ❖ Routine notice of at least one 30 minute meeting a month; be aware this may be a minimal agenda.
- ❖ A suggestion for a Spring 2023 Zoom celebration to acknowledge your year-long effort and optimistically speaking...legislative successes.

- Are there other things you like to see happen in order for us to stay connected? (No promises!)
- If all or many of the recommendations move to legislative action, what representation or characteristics do you envision for a 'next generation' Work Group to guide implementation?

Closing

One aspect of our this year work I'm most thankful for -

Our next meeting is set for Friday, December 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day holiday!

