

# SACPIE

## State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Colorado Education Association

1500 Grant Street

Denver, CO 80203

11:00 am-3:00 pm

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Noemi Aguilar, Amie Baca-Oehlert, Becky Barnes, Dr. Diane Bassett, Cindy Dascher, Jennifer Garcia-Rosendo, Laura Gray, Dr. Kris Greer, Chris Johnson, Jeff Klein, Leslie Levine, Terry Croy Lewis, Tomas Mejia, Kim Watchorn (Vice-Chair), Michelle Winzent, Stacey Zis (Chair)

**Members Absent:** Richard Garcia, Niki Gill, Jessica Johnson, Mark Kling, Jayne Lewis-Johnson, Joanna Peters, Sandy Ripplinger, Jimena Sagas, Jan Tanner

**Guests and CDE Staff Present:** Samantha Baron, Senator Evie Hudak, Diana Huffman, Dr. Darcy Hutchins, Lindsey Jaeckel, Dr. Cathy Lines, Lisa Medler, David Ramer

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Zis welcomed all members and guests.
- Members introduced themselves.
- The following guest was in attendance:
  - Samantha Baron, JeffCo Public Schools
- Chair Zis recognized Tomas Mejia for his contributions to SACPIE – he has been on the council since its inception.

#### Committee Report-Out

- **Executive**  
Stacey Zis, Chair

Members who are appointed by the Colorado State Board of Education who wish to continue on SACPIE after serving one term, can submit an updated application to the SACPIE Executive Committee. Their position will not be posted at the end of the first term.

- **Elementary**

Chris Johnson, Co-Chair

The main goal of the Elementary Committee this year is to support the parent component of the implementation of the READ Act. The committee is working on materials teachers can use when talking to parents.

- **Early Childhood**

Tomas Mejia, Co-Chair

The Early Childhood Committee is currently in transition.

- **Secondary**

Jeff Klein, Co-Chair

The Secondary Committee is creating resources to send to districts regarding the 7 Standards.

- **Higher Education**

Dr. Kris Greer, Co-Chair

The Higher Education Committee is updating the best practices document and collecting syllabi from Teacher Education departments.

#### Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

#### Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, February 10, 2015

- The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.

#### CDE Update

- Dr. Hutchins spoke about SACPIE at the CDE all staff meeting in April.
- Colorado is developing literacy K-3 TIPS (Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork) activities.
- Promising Partnership Practices collection for publication – due date has been extended to June 15, 2015. Would like to have 50 practices. All of the ones that have been collected are for grades K-12; none have come in for Early Childhood or Higher Education.
- School Accountability Committee/District Accountability Committee (SAC/DAC) Toolkit Update – hoping to pilot the toolkit next school year.
- *Family and School Partnership in Education Month* – hoping to have the kickoff event on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Legislative Update – House Bill 15-1321 passed. Small rural districts now have flexibility with some family/school partnership requirements. This affects 110 districts in the state. Discussion ensued.
- Testing of the survey will be readdressed in late summer.

## Guest Speaker: Turnaround Network Overview

- Chair Zis introduced Lindsey Jaeckel, Director, School Turnaround Support, CDE.
- Lindsey spoke about:
  - Strategies to support schools in need of performance improvement.
  - The University of Virginia, whose turnaround model has proven to be successful, is partnering with CDE.
  - As a local control state, Colorado is somewhat unique.
  - Colorado's network offers peer-to-peer networking for the schools, as well as one-on-one support from CDE staff.
  - Professional Development opportunities are available.
  - Participation in the network is free of charge to the schools.

## Update on SACPIE's Role and Responsibilities

- Dr. Keith Owen, Deputy Commissioner, CDE, reached out to the State Attorney General's office for clarification on SACPIE's relationship to CDE, as well as its statutory role regarding the legislative process and communications.
- SACPIE as an entity cannot lobby; however, members of SACPIE can testify as individuals in favor of or against specific pieces of legislation and state their member on SACPIE.
- Small Group Discussion about SACPIE's four legislated responsibilities.
  - Group 1 – Kim Watchorn mentioned higher education, response to intervention programs, having representation on statewide task forces and adding family partnering to all agenda.
  - Group 2 – Dr. Kris Greer spoke about higher education, accreditation, being more specific in initiatives and requiring high school seniors to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - Group 3 – Jeff Klein talked about trainings and providing recommendations for best practices to schools, districts, accountability committees and community organizations.
  - Group 4 – Cindy Dascher remarked that key indicators could be a topic each SACPIE committee works on; indicators could also be added to the SAC/DAC Toolkit.

## Dual Capacity-Building Framework

- Chair Zis introduced Diana Huffman, US Department of Education.
- Diana spoke about:
  - Five essential supports for school reform.
  - Rollout of the US Department of Education's Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships.
  - Lack of training in how to build the capacity for partnerships.
  - Opportunity conditions.
  - Policy and program goals.
  - Family and staff capacity outcomes.
  - Academic Parent-Teacher Team (APTT) program (she showed a video of this program being used at Stanton Elementary School in Washington, DC).
  - Samantha Baron mentioned that Dr. Paredes will be at JeffCo next week to train 80 of their teachers in the APTT program.
  - Suggestions for improvement in current performance frameworks and increasing parent involvement.

## SACPIE Spotlight: Sharing About Council Organizations

- Michelle Winzent and Evie Hudak provided an overview of the Colorado Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

## Committee Report-Out

- **Early Childhood**  
Jenn Garcia-Rosendo, Co-Chair

The committee is focusing on the transition and will report at the August meeting.

- **Elementary**  
Chris Johnson, Co-Chair

In focusing on the READ Act, the committee is working on a document for teachers and parents to use when starting a conversation and building a relationship.

- **Secondary**  
Jeff Klein, Co-Chair

The committee had nothing more to report.

- **Higher Education**  
Kim Watchorn, Co-Chair

The committee had nothing more to report.

## Announcements

- Kim Watchorn invited everyone to attend a Family, School and Community Partnering session on June 4<sup>th</sup>. She will send the registration link to the council.

## Adjournment

- Chair Zis adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.

## Upcoming SACPIE Meetings

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:00 am-3:00 pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1560 Broadway St, Denver, CO 80202

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 (Planning Retreat) 11:00 am-3:00 pm  
Colorado Education Association, 1500 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203