



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2013
Colorado Education Association
1500 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Cindy Dascher, Richard Garcia, Kris Greer, Beverly Hall, Karen Hobson, Cathy Lines (Chair), Tomas Mejia, Beth Schaffner, Kathryn Smukler, and Stacey Zis

Members Absent: Vinny Badolato, Jennifer Garcia, Niki Gill, Tina House, Mark Kling, Michael Martucci, Karen Ramey-Torres, Sandy Ripplinger, and Dongying Zhang

Guests and CDE Staff Present: Amie Baca-Oehlert, Randy Black, Peg Brown-Clark, Pat Chapman, Shannon Holtmann, Senator Evie Hudak, Edwin Jimenez-Galvan, Nanette McBride, Beatriz Orozco, Aida Pagan, Elizar Pagan Sr., Gully Stanford, DeLinda Rose, and Michelle Winzent

Materials

- CDE Teacher and Administrator Webinar Flyer (June 12, 2013)
- Joint Education Committee Presentation Handout and PowerPoint
- Senate Bill 13-193
- *Best Practices for Parent Involvement in Higher Education*

Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Lines welcomed all members and guests and announced the agenda was going to be changed to allow some participants to leave for other meetings.
- Introductions from members and guests

Senate Bill 13-193 and the Colorado Department of Education Role

- Pat Chapman reported on the bill, including the role of the Colorado Department of Education as outlined below:
 - Funds will be available July 1, 2013;
 - CDE will have a 1.0 FTE and a job description is currently being drafted; interested SACPIE members will be able to provide feedback on this draft;
 - There will be an operating budget for SACPIE members to be reimbursed for expenses and to cover costs for regional trainings and support around the state for school districts;
 - Logistics will be defined and the new position will be under Dr. Keith Owen's Division of Accountability, Performance, and Support.

Discussion ensued.

Public Comment

- There were two items brought forward during public comment.
 - There are concerns that Colorado families who experience cultural or linguistic diversity are not treated equally in many school settings. It is felt that there needs to be more advocacy and support for these families to be able to participate in their children's education. There are positive examples of how this can be accomplished and these need to be shared with others.
 - The Common Core Standards have been adopted by Colorado. There is an opinion that these should be repealed and that parents need to be educated about the issues so that they can take appropriate actions.

Discussion ensued.

Logistics and Business

- Chair Lines explained that there are efforts being made to solidify an infrastructure for SACPIE, including the following:
 - Strategically presenting information about the evidence-based, best practices in partnering between families and schools for student achievement; 2013 presentations have included the Joint Education Committee, Colorado PTA, Pre-Collegiate Conference, Colorado Legacy Showcase, and CASE;
 - Recognizing departing members of SACPIE for their service and commitment; outgoing members include Linda Barker and Nancy Sarchet who will receive certificates for their service on SACPIE;
 - Updating the SACPIE website regularly with such information as presentation materials, new publications, upcoming trainings, and information/resources contributed by the membership;
 - Thank you to Cindy Dascher, Pahmela Hines and DeLinda Rose at the Colorado Department of Education for their support in the following SACPIE activities: listserv, webpage, minutes, interested parties, and updates for membership;
 - A listserv has been established for SACPIE communication.

Discussion about translating the SACPIE webpage to Spanish ensued; this information will be shared with the Colorado Department of Education.

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, February 19, 2013

- Richard Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes. Beverly Hall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Senate Bill 13-193 Celebration, Summary and SACPIE Role

- Senator Evie Hudak commented that it is phenomenal that Colorado will have a director for parental involvement in the state. The bill has numerous components that include new duties for the districts and how to get more parents involved. The Colorado State Accountability Network (CSAN) is well versed on how to do regional trainings and so is the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition. Every school district must adopt a parent involvement policy. The SACPIE and CDE staff will have resources to present parent and staff training for districts. School districts will have an identified person who will liaison with its accountability committees and the Colorado Department of Education. It is up to the school districts to implement this bill and it is up to the Colorado Department of Education, in coordination with SACPIE, to support them in effective policy development, training, and evaluation. Senate Bill 13-193 will be signed by Governor Hickenlooper at 12:30 p.m. on May 28, 2013.
- Discussion ensued.
- Senator Hudak was thanked for all of her work on this bill.

2013 October Family-Partnership Month and Conference – SACPIE Roles, Responsibilities, Planning

- Richard Garcia talked about plans for October 2013 to be Family-School Partnership Month in Colorado. A conference is being planned for Friday, October 4th. Richard's hope is that Governor Hickenlooper will declare the month of October as Parent Involvement Month. SACPIE will be involved in these efforts. Conversation ensued around planning and how to proceed.

Committees

- **Executive Committee, Cathy Lines**
 - Executive committee is open for anyone to attend. Chair Lines would like the next two executive meetings to include discussion about the current committee structures, reviewing policies and procedures, and aligning these with SACPIE's new responsibilities. Feedback from the membership will be reviewed and used in these discussions. The goal will be for recommendations to be presented at the August planning retreat.
- **Higher Education, Kris Greer**
- **Parent Leadership, Karen Hobson**
- **Policy, Vinny Badolato**
- **Student Achievement, Jennifer Garcia**
- **Task Forces**
 - **Communication, Gully Stanford**
 - Gully shared some ideas about how to publicize SACPIE and its information

Announcements and Important Dates

- **Executive Committee Meetings: Member volunteers invited to review policies, procedures, and committee/task force structures this summer.**
 - Colorado Department of Education
1560 Broadway, Suite 1175
Denver, CO 80202
Evergreen Conference Room
Call-in availability
 - June 10, 2013 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 - July 8, 2013 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Next year's meetings were announced; these are as follows, with the possibility of additional committee work times or training opportunities:**
 - Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 12-4 p.m., Planning Retreat
 - Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 1-3 p.m.
 - Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 1-3 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 1-3 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 19, 2014 1-3 p.m.

Adjournment

- Chair Lines adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
DeLinda Rose
May 28, 2013