



## State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

### Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2014  
Colorado Education Association  
1500 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203  
1:00p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# MINUTES

**Members Present:** Amie Baca-Oehlert, Dr. Diane Bassett, Cindy Dascher, Jennifer Garcia-Rosendo, Richard Garcia, Dr. Kris Greer, Mary Gross, Dr. Beverly Hall, Dr. Cathy Lines (Chair), Tomas, Mejia, Beth Schaffner, Kathryn Smukler, Jan Tanner

**Members Absent:** Niki Gill, Shannon Holtmann, Jessica Johnson, Dr. Michael Martucci, Mark Kling, Sandy Ripplinger, Michelle Winzent, Stacey Zis

**Guests and CDE Staff Present:** Amy Bruen, Sofia Esteve-Sychla, Gina Gallegos, Senator Evie Hudak, Edwin Jimenez, Jeff Klein, Lisa Medler, Gully Stanford, Ersin Sulukioglu, Blanca Trejo, Darcy Hutchins

### Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Lines welcomed all members and guests.  
Introductions from members and guests

### Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

### Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, November 19, 2013

- The minutes were approved unanimously. There were no revisions or corrections.

### Honoring Our Members

- Senator Evie Hudak was recognized for her vision and leadership in sponsoring SB09-90 and SB13-193 and her ongoing commitment to the State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education.
- Tina House and Kathryn Smukler were recognized for their dedication and service to SACPIE. Both served on SACPIE since it was created in legislation.

### CDE Update: Improvement Planning Unit

- Dr. Darcy Hutchins, Family Partnership Director, provided an overview of the topics covered in the Family Engagement Promising Practices Trainings. Seven trainings are being held around the state between February and April. SACPIE is participating in all the trainings and provides resources in the packet.

- Dr. Hutchins updated SACPIE on the Colorado Department of Education's efforts to create a family-friendly website and resources and an upcoming road map planning session.
- Lisa Medler, Executive Director of Improvement Planning, provided information about the Unified Improvement Planning (UIP) process.

Discussion ensued.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Executive Committee**  
Cathy Lines, Chair  
Stacey Zis, Vice Chair

Chair Lines reported on the Executive Committee and a written report was provided. SACPIE is continuing to present at conferences, update its website regularly, provide representation of family-school partnership best practices on task forces and committees, and have speakers present on related topics at its meetings. SACPIE submitted its first Annual Report to the Colorado Board of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and Colorado House and Education Committees in December 2013.

- **Early Childhood**  
Jenn Garcia-Rosendo/Co-Chair  
Tomas Mejia/Co-Chair

Jenn and Tomas reported out on the Early Childhood Committee. The committee is finalizing the needs assessment and close to disseminating to providers. The committee is refining how they meet and will send that information to the interested parties.

- **K-12**  
Jessica Johnson/Co-Chair

Several committee members reported out on the K-12 Committee's work. The committee has discussed the list of district liaisons and what supports the committee might help provide. The committee is continuing to identify interested parties and action plan specific goals around school and district accountability committees.

- **Higher Education**  
Kris Greer/Chair

Kris shared a written report from the Higher Education Committee. The committee is continuing to meet monthly by phone, identify contacts for every Institution of Higher Education, and develop survey questions to be sent out to contacts. The goal is to distribute the survey during the spring of 2014.

- **Partnerships**  
Amie Baca-Oehlert/Co-Chair  
Michelle Winzent/Co-Chair

Amie reported out on the Partnerships Committee. The committee discussed ways to utilize the organizations represented on SACPIE for networking, partnerships, etc. and possibly creating a template to gather information about the different

organizations. The committee discussed ways to make the website more accessible. The committee will determine a method for communicating between meetings.

### **Graduation Guidelines and Individual Career and Academic Planning**

- Misti Ruthven, Supervisor, Office of Postsecondary Readiness, presented an overview of the background and purpose of the Graduation Guidelines. In May 2013, the Colorado State Board of Education adopted a set of guidelines to be used by each school district's board of education in establishing requirements for students to receive a high school diploma. The purposes of the guidelines are (1) to articulate Colorado's shared beliefs about the value and meaning of a high school diploma and (2) to outline the minimum components, expectations and responsibilities of local districts and the state to support students in attaining their high school diploma. Additional information was provided about the implementation timelines and different workgroups. Misti provided an overview of the Individual Career and Academic Planning (ICAP). ICAPs should be designed to assist students and their families in the following areas: exploration of postsecondary career and educational opportunities available, alignment of course work and curriculum, application to institutes of higher education and access to financial aid.

Discussion ensued.

### **Announcements -**

- Diana Huffman provided copies of a brochure, *Strong Start, Bright Future*, published in English and Spanish by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Gully Stanford shared information about the upcoming Pre-Collegiate Conference.

### **Adjournment**

- Chair Lines adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.

### **Upcoming SACPIE Meetings**

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<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2014</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 19, 2014</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 18, 2014</b>	<b>12:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Planning Retreat)</b>

**Please note: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. are available for committee work, presentations and networking.**