

SACPIE

State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Colorado Education Association
1500 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203
11:00 am-3:00 pm

Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Diane Bassett, Richard Garcia, Dr. Kris Greer (via phone), Chris Johnson, Jeff Klein, Jayne Lewis-Johnson, Tomas Mejia, Joanna Peters, Jan Tanner, Kim Watchorn, Michelle Winzent (via phone), Stacey Zis (Chair)

Members Absent: Amie Baca-Oehlert, Becky Barnes, Cindy Dascher, Jennifer Garcia-Rosendo, Niki Gill, Mark Kling, Jessica Johnson, Sandy Ripplinger, Jimena Sagas

Guests and CDE Staff Present: Laura Ayres, Pat Chapman, Jessica Garrett, Senator Evie Hudak, Diana Huffman, Dr. Darcy Hutchins, Dr. Cathy Lines, Alyssa Pearson, David Ramer, Kelly Stritzinger, Blanca Trejo

Welcome, Introductions and Public Comment

- Chair Zis welcomed all members and guests.
- Members introduced themselves to a neighbor and talked about goals they have for SACPIE this year.
- The following guests were in attendance:
 - Jessica Hollingshead, Federal Programs, CDE – assisted Pat Chapman with his presentation later in the meeting
 - Alice Collins, Adams 50
 - Nancy Hernandez, Adams 50

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, November 18, 2014

- The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.

2015 Operating Procedures

- Members were reminded that a copy of the Operating Procedures is in each person's binder.

CDE Update

- Dr. Hutchins is considering reducing the Promising Practices Trainings from all day to two hours and focusing strictly on the national standards. Some members supported the idea, some didn't. This is an ongoing discussion.
- The Promising Partnership Practices (PPP) ad hoc committee is collecting PPPs for publication – this is due late April.
- Survey update – Dr. Hutchins is asking districts whether they would like to be part of the pilot.
- *Family and School Partnership in Education Month* will be celebrated on October 9, 2015.
- A few new members may be approved by the Colorado State Board of Education in March.
- Also in March, the SACPIE 2014 Annual Report may be presented to the State Board.

Guest Speaker: Colorado's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver

- Chair Zis introduced Pat Chapman, Executive Director of Federal Programs, Colorado Department of Education.
- Pat spoke about:
 - Colorado's ESEA Waiver and its renewal.
 - Discrepancies between state and federal accountability systems and trying to align those systems.
 - Impact of the waiver.
 - Waiver expires at end of this school year; deadline to submit request to renew is March 31, 2015.
 - He will work with Dr. Hutchins to disseminate information to SACPIE.

Guest Speaker: School and District Performance Frameworks

- Chair Zis introduced Alyssa Pearson, Executive Director of Accountability, Colorado Department of Education.
- Alyssa spoke about:
 - Colorado's Accountability Components.
 - Performance Indicators and Data.
 - Purpose and Goals of the Accountability Work Group (AWG).
 - Suggestions for improvement in current performance frameworks and increasing parent involvement.
- Discussion ensued.

SACPIE Spotlight: Sharing About Council Organizations

- Jan Tanner provided an overview of the Colorado Association of School Boards.
- Blanca Trejo spoke about College in Colorado.

Committee Reporting

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

The Higher Education Committee has a monthly phone meeting. They have updated the best practices document and are working on posting it on the SACPIE webpage. The committee has two different audiences – they are discussing how to align them.

- **Elementary**

Chris Johnson, Co-Chair

The goal the Elementary Committee discussed today was, “Supporting the parent component of the implementation of the READ Act.” Chris reported that some CDE documents are not written in language that most parents can understand. The committee is working on recreating them in more user-friendly language so parents are better able to support their kids. They have reached out to Donna Bright, Senior Consultant, Office of Literacy, CDE for guidance. Dr. Lines will mention the project to the Commissioner’s Literacy Workgroup.

- **Secondary**

Joanna Peters, Co-Chair

The Secondary Committee will begin to meet monthly. They are focusing on communication with principals which can then be forwarded to staff and families.

- **Early Childhood**

Tomas Mejia, Chair

Jenn Garcia-Rosendo, Co-Chair

Niki Gill, Backup Co-Chair

Diana Huffman reported that the committee is creating a survey regarding promising practices and they want to align with the PPP ad hoc committee. They also discussed a few bills that are working their way through the current state legislative session. Discussion ensued regarding testifying on state legislation.

Announcements

- Diana Huffman provided a handout on Human Trafficking in America’s Schools.

Adjournment

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

Upcoming SACPIE Meetings
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Tuesday, May 19, 2015	11:00 am-3:00 pm
Tuesday, August 18, 2015	11:00 am-3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 (Planning Retreat)	11:00 am-3:00 pm