



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Colorado Education Association

1500 Grant Street

Denver, CO 80203

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Amie Baca-Oehlert, Cindy Dascher, Jennifer Garcia-Rosendo, Niki Gill, Dr. Beverly Hall, Shannon Holtmann, Dr. Cathy Lines (Chair), Tomas Mejia, Beth Schaffner, Kathryn Smukler, Jan Tanner, Michelle Winzent, Dongying Zhang, Stacey Zis, Jessica Johnson

Members Absent: Dr. Diane Bassett, Richard Garcia, Dr. Kris Greer, Mary Gross, Tina House, Mark Kling, Dr. Michael Martucci, Sandy Ripplinger

Guests and CDE Staff Present: Amy Bruen, Sofia Esteve-Sychla, Gina Gallegos, Sandy Hay, Senator Evie Hudak, Dr. Darcy Hutchins, Edwin Jimenez, Lisa Medler, DeLinda Rose, Laura Spicer, Blanca Trejo

Welcome and Introductions

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

Public Comment

- Parent Engagement Network (PEN) addressed the Council to share their vision, mission, goals, and values. The organization is dedicated to creating a caring, connected, safe community in partnership with all adults and youth.

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, August 20, 2013

- Dr. Beverly Hall made a motion to approve the minutes. Michelle Winzent seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with minor revisions.

CDE Family Partnership Director: Dr. Darcy Hutchins

- Dr. Hutchins introduced herself and shared her background with the Council. Prior to joining the Colorado Department of Education, Dr. Hutchins worked as a Senior Program Facilitator at the National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Hutchins provided an overview of her responsibilities as the CDE Family Partnership Director.



Chair, Vice-Chair Selection

- Dr. Cathy Lines and Stacey Zis's bios were read. Jan Tanner made a motion to elect Dr. Lines as the chair of SACPIE and Stacey Zis as the co-chair of SACPIE. Michelle Winzent seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Early Childhood**

Jenn Garcia-Rosendo/Co-Chair

Tomas Mejia/Co-Chair

Jenn and Tomas reported out on the Early Childhood Committee. The committee has been busy doing a needs assessment and developing assessments for different early childhood communities. The committee is researching places to present and developing a contact list for the Early Childhood communities.

- **K-12**

Jessica Johnson/Chair

Jessica and Stacey Zis reported out on the K-12 Committee. The committee has been brainstorming to collect resources for effective recruitment and retention of district and school accountability members. In addition, the committee discussed collecting promising practices about ways districts can support their school accountability committees (SACs) and district accountability committees (DACs). An example of their research was passed around to the group.

- **Higher Education**

Dr. Kris Greer, Chair

Chair Lines reported out on Higher Education, with Shannon Holtmann. Issues for our state are for students to get to college, stay in college, and reduce the need for remediation. The committee has created a spreadsheet of Colorado colleges as part of their research. This sheet will have a contact at each institution for exchanging information and sending a survey.

- **Partnerships**

Amie Baca-Oehlert/Co-Chair

Michelle Winzent/Co-chair



Amie and Michelle reported out on Partnerships Committee. The committee has discussed doing a survey about how to engage parents or some training surveys and researching organizations that could potentially be added to the CDE website. The committee will work with Dr. Hutchins and Cindy to look at the CDE website. The committee would like to invite the Communications Unit at CDE to a meeting to focus on the website and make it easier to navigate. Discussion ensued.

- **Executive Committee Updates**

Chair Lines reported on the Executive Committee and shared a handout with Council Updates. October 2013 was *Family and School Partnership in Education Month*. The kick-off event was held October 8, 2013. SACPIE has representatives on state committees and work groups. A SACPIE stakeholder presentation has been created, with basic information on SACPIE, SB13-193, and best practices. The SACPIE website is frequently updated with information. If you have events or information that you want to share, contact Dr. Hutchins. Several SACPIE resources have been translated into Spanish, thanks to Tomas Mejia, SACPIE CDE representative. There have been several presentations by SACPIE members around the State of Colorado.

- **CDE Improvement Planning Unit: Lisa Medler, Executive Director and Darcy Hutchins, Family Partnership Director**

Lisa and Darcy provided an implementation update on Senate Bill 13-193 regarding CDE and SACPIE.

The Family Partnership Director Responsibilities Include:

- Coordinate and communicate with districts' Family Partnership Liaisons
- With SACPIE, provide regional "best practice" trainings
- With SACPIE, provide regional SAC/DAC trainings
- Identify key indicators of successful parent engagement
- Facilitate SACPIE's reporting to State Board of Education, the Colorado Commission of Higher Education, and the Education Committees of the Senate and House on progress

Discussion ensued around regional trainings, implementation and feedback. Dr. Hutchins is working on SB13-193 Key Indicators.

SACPIE Annual Report will include:

- Committee work
- Presentations/trainings
- Regional training update
- Family Partnership Liaison update



Timeline

- Draft Report by end of November
- SACPIE review by mid-December
- Send written report to State Board, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, and the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by December 31, 2013.

Adjournment

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

Upcoming SACPIE Meetings

**Colorado Education Association
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Tuesday, February 18, 2014	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20, 2014	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 19, 2014	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18, 2014	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.