

Meeting Minutes

Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC)

September 20, 2012

Denver, Colorado

CSEAC Mission: Our mission is to actively represent children/youth with disabilities and impact decisions made on their behalf to enhance the quality of educational services.

CSEAC Vision: All learners are respected and challenged with high expectations, their needs are met, and student aspirations for success are fulfilled.

Members in Attendance: David Aarestad, Adric Arndt, Pat Chamberlain, Pam Christy, Dean Cockroft, Tamara Durbin, Cheryl Gaines, Linda Hayes, Zoe Ann Holmes, Joanne Irons, Nancy Lemmond, Cathy Lines, Karin McGuire, Sarah Metsch, Kathy Mortensen, Kathy Navrkal, Renee Niskanen, Debra Paul, Katherine Rains, Erin Ross, Kindra Sanchez-Marble, Michael Schooler, Missy Sieders, Lori Smith, Greg Sullivan and Robert Ward

Absences: Amanda Jones, Patricia Kiel, Tom McMillan,

CDE Staff and Other Guests: Peg Brown-Clark, Assistant Commissioner, Accountability, Performance and Support Division, CDE/ESSU; Sarah Cannon, CDE/ESSU, State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report Coordinator; Cindy Dascher, CDE/ESSU, Parent/Family Consultant; Jo O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner, Achievement and Strategy Division, CDE; Sarah Ohle, Intern, CDE; DeLinda Rose, CDE/ESSU, Program Assistant; Dr. Debora Scheffel, State Board of Education Liaison (via phone); Lisa Ortiz, DPS, Guest; Karen Rutledge, Parent to Parent, Guest

Agenda Item	Action	Results
Welcome and Introductions Guests and CSEAC Parent Input	Members and guests were welcomed to the meeting.	

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Subcommittee Meetings	CSEAC members met in their subcommittees to continue their work. Subcommittees were asked to submit their subcommittee meeting notes to Cindy Dascher at the end of the meeting or by email.	Subcommittee Meetings
State Board of Education Report	Dr. Debora Scheffel reported on READ Act. Provisions in the School Finance Bill (House Bill 12-1345) include funding that holds the statewide average per pupil funding the same as 2011-12 at \$6,474.24. A district by district comparison between 2011-12 and 2012-13 funding is available on State Board of Education website.	
Old/New Business	"People First "Award ceremony will be held Saturday, May 4, 2013. Discussion about transition. Representation from CSEAC members on the Bus Tour and Assistive Technology Tour.	
	Peg Brown-Clark introduced Jo O'Brien and Sarah Ohle who presented the update on High School Graduation Guidelines Lengthy discussion ensued with candid feedback	
State of the State Report	Peg Brown-Clark discussed the Colorado Growth Model, ESEA Waiver and Accountability. SB-191 which establishes new requirements for evaluating teachers and principals. Among other requirements, this law mandates that at least 50 percent of a teacher's evaluation be determined by the academic growth of the teacher's students and at least 50 percent of a principal's evaluation be determined by the academic growth of the students in the principal's school. The law creates the State Council for Educator Effectiveness. ESEA Rules passed the disability categories. Districts need to implement by July 2016. Special Education Directors will need training on the categories.	
	Subcommittees reported out. Pat Chamberlain motioned to approve the minutes from July 2012. Nancy Lemmond seconded the motion. Minutes approved.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.	