

Meeting Minutes

Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC)

November 15, 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, Pam Christy, Dean Cockroft, Tamara Durbin, Cheryl Gaines, Linda Hayes, Zoe Ann Holmes, Joanne Irons, Nancy Lemmond, Sarah Metsch, Kathy Mortensen, Tracy Mueller, Kathy Navrkal, Debra Paul, Katherine Rains, Kindra Sanchez-Marble, Missy Sieders, Lori Smith,

Absences: Adric Arndt, Pat Chamberlain, Amanda Jones, Patricia Kiel, Cathy Lines, Karin McGuire, Tom McMillan, Renee Niskanen, Erin Ross, Michael Schooler, Greg Sullivan, Robert Ward

CDE Staff and Other Guests: Laura Ayres, Guest; Peg Brown-Clark, Assistant Commissioner, Accountability, Performance and Support Division, CDE/ESSU; Carolyn Burtner, Guest; Cindy Dascher, CDE/ESSU, Parent/Family Consultant; Connie Fixsen, Guest; Cathy Hettleman, Poudre School District, Guest; Gayna Jobe, Poudre School District, Guest; Kim Nigro, Poudre School District, Guest; Jo O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner, Achievement and Strategy Division, CDE; Sarah Ohle, Intern, CDE; Lisa Ortiz, DPS, Guest; DeLinda Rose, CDE/ESSU, Program Assistant; Karen Rutledge, Parent to Parent, Guest; Dr. Debora Scheffel, State Board of Education Liaison (via phone); Ethan Smith, Guest; Ed Steinberg, Guest; Romie Tobin, Poudre School District, Guest

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| Welcome and Introductions | Members and guests were welcomed to the meeting. | |
| Guests and CSEAC Parent Input | Some guests shared their experiences regarding special education services and supports within their districts. Some member's shared comments regarding CSEAC's mission and vision and subcommittee responsibilities. | |

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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, State Board of Education Liaison, reported by telephone to the CSEAC members and guests. She discussed the Colorado Reading To Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act and the importance of literacy. Discussion ensued. | |
| Old/New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “People First “Award ceremony will be held Friday, April 12, 2013 after the Local SEAC Forum. • Literacy position paper will be put on hold temporarily. • A CSEAC member attended the State Board of Education meeting on November 14, 2012. • Ed Steinberg gave a short presentation on The Autism Society of Colorado. | |
| State of the State Report | <p>Peg Brown-Clark thanked all for the positive impact CSEAC has.</p> <p>Peg discussed the following during her report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide goals for students with disabilities in Colorado • State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicators • Colorado’s Strategic Educational Reform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colorado Academic Standards ○ Assessment (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) ○ Colorado Growth Model (ESEA Waiver & Accountability) ○ Unified Improvement Plans ○ Educator Effectiveness ○ READ Act ○ School Readiness to Workforce Readiness ○ Family & Community Engagement • Exceptional Children’s Educational Act (ECEA) Rules – Eligibility categories update | |

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| Transition...from the Classroom to Life in Poudre School District | "Transition is a process, not a Program" - Guests from Poudre School District provided a presentation about the district's transition services. The presentation included an overview of transition services at Fort Collins High School, Rocky Mountain High School, Cooper Home/Living for Learning, the Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE) Program, and a video "Student Initiated Businesses Increase Academic Achievement: Work-Based Learning and Work Experiences as Indispensable Educational Tools." | |
| Jo O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Priorities and Research/CDE Sarah Ohle, Intern/CDE | Jo O'Brien and Sarah Ohle presented information about the proposed high school graduation guidelines for the Colorado Department of Education and request input from CSEAC relating to students with disabilities. Discussion ensued. | |
| Old/New Business (continued) | Subcommittees reported out. Tamara Durbin motioned to approve the minutes from September 2012. Lori Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. | |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m. | |