

Meeting Minutes

Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC)

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

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: Adric Arndt, Pam Christy, Cheryl Gaines, Zoe Ann Holmes, Karin McGuire, Tom McMillan, Kathy Mortensen, Sarah Metsch, Dr. Tracy Mueller, Renee Niskanen, Kathy Navrkal, Katherine Rains, Dr. Erin Ross, Kindra Sanchez-Marble, Missy Sieders, Lori Smith, Greg Sullivan, Lori Thompson

Absences: David Aarestad, Pat Chamberlain, Dean Cockroft, Tamara Durbin, Linda Hayes, Joanne Irons, Nancy Lemmond, Dr. Cathy Lines, Debra Paul, Michael Schooler, Robert Ward

CDE Staff and Other Guests: Peg Brown-Clark, Assistant Commissioner and State Director of Exceptional Student Services, Colorado Department of Education (CDE); Sarah Cannon, State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report Coordinator, CDE/ESSU; Cindy Dascher, Supervisor, Family-School Partnering, CDE/ESSU; DeLinda Rose, Program Assistant, CDE/ESSU; Dr. Debora Scheffel, State Board of Education Liaison (via phone); Students from Metropolitan State University of Denver

Agenda Item	Action	Results
Welcome and Introductions	Members and guests were welcomed to the meeting.	
Guests and CSEAC Parent Input	CSEAC member commented on Academy School District 20 Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE) Program.	

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Subcommittee Meetings	CSEAC members met in their subcommittees to continue their work.	Subcommittee Meetings
State Board of Education Report	<p>Dr. Debora Scheffel, State Board of Education Liaison, reported by telephone to the CSEAC members and guests and thanked all for attending. Dr. Scheffel represents the 6th Congressional District. She discussed the Colorado Reading To Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act, assessment, school finance legislation, the interest around early childhood education, and Common Core Standards. Questions and discussion ensued with members around behavioral concerns, safety plans and funding for charter schools.</p> <p>The upcoming State Board of Education meeting is April 10, 2013.</p> <p>Please direct any comments or questions for the State Board of Education to Carey Markel, Director of State Board Relations at markel_c@cde.state.co.us.</p>	
Subcommittee Meetings	<p>Subcommittee breakouts resumed. Subcommittees were asked to submit their subcommittee meeting notes at the end of the meeting or by email.</p> <p>Missy Sieders reported out on the literacy paper.</p>	
Students from Metropolitan State University of Denver	<p>Greg Sullivan introduced the panel of students from Metropolitan State University of Denver. The students presented individual topical discussions about their personal experiences at Metropolitan State University of Denver and the Access Center. The students elaborated on their experiences and what it is like to be a student with disabilities. Discussion ensued.</p>	

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Sarah Cannon SPP/APR Coordinator ESSU/CDE	Sarah Cannon, SPP/APR Coordinator at ESSU/CDE, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Colorado’s FFY 2011 Annual Performance Report for Students with Disabilities. The law requires states to publicly report data. CDE has developed public reports for every AU showing their performance on Indicators 1-14 compared to the state performance. Those reports can be found at: http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/AUperformanceprofiles.asp Discussion ensued.	
State of the State Report	Peg Brown-Clark, Assistant Commissioner and State Director of the Exceptional Student Services Unit at the Colorado Department of Education, thanked all for the positive impact CSEAC has. Peg presented a “State of the State” presentation entitled “Focus on Outcomes for Students with Disabilities.” Her presentation touched on several areas, including: Successful Students, Great Teachers and Leaders, Educator Effectiveness: Teachers’ Quality Standards, Principals’ Quality Standards, and Results Driven Accountability. Discussion ensued. The following four (4) Administrative Units received <i>Increasing Achievement and Growth Grants: Literacy for All Students with Disabilities</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jefferson County School District • Northwest BOCES • Poudre Valley School District • San Luis Valley BOCES Discussion ensued.	
Subcommittee Reports	Members from subcommittees reported out and handed in action plans.	

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Old/New Business	<p>“People First “Award ceremony will be held Friday, April 12, 2013 after the Local Special Education Advisory Committee Forum.</p> <p>The recipients for this year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanne Boice-Wiley, Assistant Executive Director and Special Education Director, East Central BOCES • Jerry DiTullio, Special Education Teacher, Wheat Ridge High School, Jeffco Public Schools • Brett Smith, Principal, Timberview Middle School, Academy 20 School District • Kurt Wollenweber, Principal, Grandview High School, Cherry Creek Schools, recipient of the Lifetime State "People First" Award <p>CSEAC Planning Retreat will be held Thursday, July 18, 2013 – Friday, July 19, 2013.</p> <p>Next CSEAC meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2013.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Lori Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Cheryl Gaines seconded the motion. Minutes approved.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.</p>	