

Committee of Practitioners Meeting
October 15, 2009
Notes from the meeting

Members attending: Christy Bloomquist, Holly Brilliant, Mary Ellen Good, Melanie Jones, Paula Niemi, EJ Ramirez, Nancy Sanger

CED representatives attending: Pat Chapman, Trish Boland, Jennifer Morgan, Mike Seymour, Janelle Krueger, Nazie Mohajeri-Nelson, Nina Lopez, Kathryn Smukler

Housekeeping:

1. Bylaws
The members of the committee reviewed the *Colorado NCLB Committee of Practitioners Bylaws* with an effective date of August 4, 2006. Updates in the form of deletions and additions to the document were suggested. The members present gave unanimous approval to the proposed changes. The revised document will be presented at the next CoP meeting.
2. New Officers
Officers for the 2009-2010 year will be chosen at the December meeting. The members agreed that it is best to have two co-chairpersons and one secretary.
3. New members
 - a. Three new member applications were reviewed and approved by the committee members. The new members are: Parke Covarrubias, Elizar Pagan, and Christine Vidal.
 - b. Discussion was held concerning the need for additional members of the CoP. The Bylaws suggest up to 25 members. The committee currently has 13 members. The members agreed that each of the current members would be responsible for recruiting a new member. The following were suggestions to think about when recruiting
 - i. Diverse locations around Colorado
 - ii. Diverse connections to education
 - iii. Willing commitment to attend the meetings
 - iv. Being prepared for each meeting by reading the handouts prior to the meeting
 - c. Review and approval of member applications will take place via email with the intent that all new members will be in attendance at the December meeting.
4. Committee Guidelines
A draft document listing guidelines for practices related to the committee was presented. Discussion was held concerning the items on the document. Suggestions for the Committee Guidelines included
 - a. Guidelines should be posted on the CoP page of the website
 - b. A list of lodging locations could be included in the Guidelines
 - c. Guidelines should be a working document with revisits throughout the year
5. Other
 - a. The committee members would like to have the web page devoted to the Committee of Practitioners updated on the OFPA website. It was agreed that CDE personnel will work on this feature.

- b. A report from the previous meeting will be added to the beginning of each meeting

Safe & Drug Free Schools

Janelle Krueger announced that it appears that Congress will not approve funding for a Title IV-A allocation to the state for 2010-11 school year. The Senate has not yet voted. Janelle summarized advocacy effort for keeping the program funded. Webinars were scheduled for the week of October 12 to increase the quality of the Title IV-A year end performance report. This report captures local outcomes that Janelle expects to use to educate funders about the effectiveness of the program.

Assessment tool

Nazie Mohajeri-Nelson presented information concerning the Technology Proficiency Standards, which will be used to create a self-assessment that will be made available to districts as an option for assessing the technological proficiency of personnel. As a result of federal requirements, this reporting requirement data collection must be done quickly during this school year without the benefit of a gentle roll-out. In future years, the LEAs will need to demonstrate a connection between the assessment results and the Title II-D funded professional development.

Application update

Trish Boland led a discussion concerning what CDE can do to help LEA personnel understand how important it is to completely respond to the comment log associated with individual Title programs. One suggestion from the group addressed the need for specific directions from application reviewers concerning changes that need to be made by the LEA.

Schoolwide programs and per pupil allocations

Trish Boland presented information concerning the use of Title I-A funds in Schoolwide programs. The concern lies with districts that are funding schools at a level that does not seem effective. In other words, there is concern about dilution of funds, because the district is serving too many schools and not having an impact with many.

ARRA fund reporting

Nina Lopez provided information on the work that is being done with the ARRA funds focusing on the school level reporting

Next meeting

The next meeting date has been changed from Thursday, November 12 to Wednesday December 2. The location will be announced as soon as the information is available.