

## **Committee of Practitioners Minutes 4-8-2010**

**Charter School Institute, Logan Street, Denver, 9am -1:30pm**

**Attendees: (see list)**

### **Administrative Topics**

- Membership planning
  - Review of inactive members: Schmidt-interested if stays in state; Ramirez – wants to resign; Rodriguez – out of touch
    - (Hausler/Rangel) Motion to end membership of Ramirez and Rodriguez and to invite Schmidt to reapply when he is settled in next assignment; motion carries
  - New members
    - Discussion of terms and recruitment
    - We have 18 of possible 25
    - (ISSUE for CDE: Please try to avoid overlapping scheduling of similar topics!!!)
    - Gaps in representation: school board (upcoming,) parents, northeast CO; northwest CO; southeast CO
    - Call for membership via The Scoop; Kathryn will handle; deadline to submit application May 14; committee will choose via email
- Meetings 2010/11
  - 9/9 – confirmed; 11/11; 2/10; 4/14; others tentative
  - Thursdays, 10am, work thru lunch, end 3pm
- Accept minutes from last meeting
  - (Bloomquist/Vidal) Move to accept minutes; motion carries

### **Distinguished Teacher/Principal – Judy Huddleston (handout emailed ahead)**

- Important to recognize successes in Title schools
- Nomination process too cumbersome...Pls give feedback
  - Need high standards
  - Similar criteria for teachers and principals
  - Q: How simplify nomination process but maintain high stds?
    - Send apps out in spring to preview and get people thinking ahead OR even allow applications btwn June -Sept
    - Even ask people if they have someone in mind
    - Could administrators just nominate on a shorter form with first level criteria...then IF FINALIST do the rest of narrative? It's just too much so they put it off...for principals and teachers
    - Semi-final, then semi-final structure would be good for district morale purpose, etc
  - Q: Would CoP help set criteria ?
    - Yes, in conjunction with Sept mtg

- Q: Anyone willing to serve to help select? 2-4 CoP people
  - Will ask via email to get final volunteers for additional help

### **General Discussion:**

- How handling ICAPS ? (individ Career and Academic Plans)
  - Naviance (sp?) - costly
  - College in Colorado – free

### **ESEA Reauthorization – Alyssa Pearson**

- Nothing is definite or cast in concrete
- USDE “Blueprint for Reform” of what they would like (avail at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov))
- **HANDOUT** - presentation of what ED wants from CCSSO (Council of Chief State School Officers) few weekends ago; glossy picture; fairly high level, not much detail
- Aligned with budget and RTTT language
- Hearings in progress; unions oppose fearing all on shoulders of teachers
- So much changing so fast it’s a balancing act to know how much effort to put into it until dust settles
- Consolidating and/or eliminating some Titles
- Formula dollars not going away; keeping same and increasing competitive
- CDE will keep us posted as the world turns
- How will small rural districts access competitive \$\$ when don’t have capacity to write grants? (At BOCES director meeting, CDE predicted “about a year” for reauthorization)
- Wenning (sp?) from CDE will be in DC next week pushing CO Growth Model
- CO will reapply for RTTT for \$275 million; go forward with plan regardless...
- Probs with proposal:
  - CO achievement has been flat
  - Low ed funding in state of CO

### **Choice Waiver – Alyssa Pearson**

- **HANDOUT** – draft letter to Duncan re: waiver to 14 day choice requirement due to districts starting too early before data and decision available
- Schools will send out asap once they get data
- Letter mainly a formality, no other option for 16 schools...
- If they get a finding, they will work with us
- Motion to support request for waiver: Niemi/Bloomquist – motion carries

### **Update on AMAOs – Alyssa Pearson**

- **HANDOUT**- Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives – 2009-2010 calculations; **same one we saw before but amended**
- No longer “consecutive” or “in same district”
- Trying to figure out: Which districts to assign student records?

- If two consecutive tests but different districts, ex: DPS/Jeffco/Aurora? October count? January? All districts get? (See chart on handout)
- Adjust target accordingly
- Straw poll? Oct, Jan, or all?
  - Kind of a split btwn Oct & Jan, with slight advantage to October; although with CSAP counted by where/when taken...
  - SO January is best because it's where/when takes test

### **Title IID Teacher Assessment –Alyssa pinch hitting for Delilah Collins**

- Any additional feedback?
  - No...
  - Thanks to all who took time to take test

### **LUNCH**

### **Consolidated Application Update – Trish Boland for Brad Bylsma**

- **HANDOUT re: application changes**
- Change 1 – Acceptance Relinquishments and Assignment (ARAC) radio button
- Change 2 – (see handout)
- Change 3 – assurance that all staff who need to be qualified, are in fact qualified – NO EXTENUATING DATE...(except for tiny places like Center because can't recruit/retain)...
- Change 4 – The ARRA and set aside table; add in carry over and increase set aside to equal amount you carry over...VERY complicated...have to carry over into same category...will be estimating the amount you carry over...than reconcile in November: Must demonstrate that those set asides for categoricals are spent as supposed to be....Good to go if spent all in 2009
- Change 5 – Districts if take admin cost or indirect costs which capped at 10%, so this table won't exist because you've already taken...So, if hasn't happened yet, can't assess yet, so use line called "purchased services"...
- Will be an ARRA narrative: if the same, cut & paste...if changed, rewrite
- Small districts or those with only few eligible schools can upload in Tracker program improvement/targeted assistance/school wide plans, etc., No use redoing
- IID still included in next year, tho' took 65% hit
- Webinars scheduled, including program specific
- Narrative will stay locked & you can make revisions into new comment box
- Timeline same for getting comments/revisions back & forth and should go more smoothly
- Schedule for monitoring will go out end of summer and will coordinate among themselves so aren't requiring simultaneous monitoring

## **Funding Cuts/ Hold Harmless - Barb Vassis**

- **2 HANDOUTS: statute language & what they're looking at**
- **Did not use census data but will soon have it so could change 3s**
- **WARNING! Poverty counts swing pretty widely...**
- Holding breath due to criteria coming out in May
- Some districts may be cut and/or eliminated
- Increases may be erased
- So far nobody has lost funding due to moves into CSI or CSDB...
- Title IID about 45%
- Private schools have to be non-profit to qualify for \$\$
- There's a hold up waiting for some private schools that have either closed and/or don't plan to take \$\$
- Title I A 6-10% cut
- No funding for Title IV
- Title IIA, cut about \$400, 000 – not too big
- Title IIIA - up and down – big swing
- Title 5 still alive so can be flexible so no add'l \$\$...can spend carry over
- Only Title 1 has 15% carry over limitation and Title 4 24%....been waived this year...Can't have more than 100%
- Timeline: Allocations needed before applications....After the next couple weeks; goal was April 1<sup>st</sup>, but looks like around April 15<sup>th</sup>

## **Choice and Sample Letters - Trish Boland**

- For districts going on improvement for first time in 2010/11 there will be a push in late spring to see a draft letter in Tracker; also any other letters that may potentially be sent
- USDE monitoring week of Sept 13<sup>th</sup> & feds will need to talk to CoP chairs, etc. to confirm CoP is operating in compliance; prob. by phone; let feds know expanded the role to include all programs & how function. There will be findings, but overall CDE thinks we're looking good

## **Title ID Admin Policy - Kathryn Smukler**

- Neglected & delinquent
- No funding source for paying admin for I-D though they are required to provide tech assistance
- Have requested to hold out a small % for admin
- If approved, then maybe that option could be offered at district level, too
- Awaiting hearing from USDE to find out if can do it
- Want to confirm before 10/11 school year allocation
- Straw poll – Majority of hands up to support doing this

**Other?**

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