

Committee of Practitioners Meeting ~ April 5, 2011

Held at the Colorado Children's Campaign, Denver

Present: Alyssa Pearson, Christy Bloomquist, Mary Ellen Good, Jane Toothaker, Mark Rangel, Kirk Banghart, Holly Brilliant, Anita Burns, Parke Covarrubias, Jesus Escárcega, Sue Ann Highland, Dianna Hulbert, Jonelle Parker, Christine Vidal

10:00 Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping – Mary Ellen Good, CoP Co-Chair

Mary Ellen opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and thanked everyone for coming. Mary Ellen will chair the meeting and Christy will take the minutes.

Action: Approval of the February meeting minutes: Motioned by Jane and seconded by Mark. **Minutes approved as presented.**

Agenda discussion took place. We need the agenda one week out with all available handouts to review prior to the meeting. Generally this happens but this time there was some confusion and the agenda didn't get sent out until late Tuesday afternoon.

10:10 Membership: Mary Ellen/Christy

We have several members who are completing their sixth year. According to our current bylaws, members are allowed two three year terms if the second term is approved by the members. With reauthorization of ESEA on the horizon, the members felt it was important to retain as many members who had knowledge and an understanding of ESEA to help with the implementation after reauthorization. It was felt that a great deal of work would need to be done when this happens.

Action: Motion to change our bylaws: Motioned by Chris and seconded by Sue Ann. **Motion passed.** Discussion on how it should read took place.

Action: Approval of the bylaw 3.2 wording: Motioned by Chris and seconded by Jonelle. **Motion passed.**

Bylaw 3.2 will now read: Terms of office will be three years with option to serve a second three year term and additional years after that if approved by membership.

Action: Approval of continuance of 3rd year and 6th year members: Motioned by Jesus and seconded by Sue Ann. **Motion passed.**

All members present that were affected by term years agreed to continue as a member of the CoP.

Kathryn: Will you please follow up with Paula and Melanie letting them know that we changed the bylaws and they were both approved to continue as members of the CoP. Additionally Leanne Emm needs to be contacted regarding her new position with CDE and no longer being a member of the CoP due to conflict of roles.

Alyssa updated us on the teachers we had recommend that Kathryn talk to about becoming members of the CoP. Neither recommendation worked out. We are still in need of a teacher representative. Additionally, we need a parent to be on the committee. When looking at our current membership, we are nicely represented in the East Central and Northeast Regions. As we look towards reauthorization, our first priority is finding members in the Northwest, West Central, Southwest, and Southeast region. We loved the visual that Kathryn created. Thank you Kathryn! All members are to focus on Each One Find One! Kathryn will send out the application with the minutes.

ESEA Reauthorization, UIP/1003g Process: Pat Chapman

ESEA:

As reauthorization is drawing near, CDE has prepared a document that outlines some good changes that can be made and is reaching out to the educators so the voices can be heard. The document has three components. The first is a narrative and big picture and goes down to the details; the second is the positives and what has worked; the third is by program and lists the positives and the negatives. While CDE can't lobby, they can provide information and want the CoP input. The CoP will provide the oversight of the new implementations, funds, and waivers. Pat gave all present a lengthy handout to review and send back additional recommendations, changes, suggestions, etc. Please provide immediate reactions to what Colorado would see as priorities. Send the information to Pat electronically within the next two weeks.

This led into a discussion that CDE needs to take more ownership in the meetings. We (the CoP) are there for you. There is a lot of work that needs done and reviewed. What can be shared through emails should be ongoing and meetings should focus not on the sharing and dissemination of information.

UIP:

Some suggestions on how to improve the process were given. Smaller and rural schools would like it to be aligned with the Consolidated Grant. Changes have been made so that some requirements are consistent (# of students). People liked having both the 1 year and 3 year frameworks available. Some thought the narrative was too repetitive and should be removed while others thought it provided key information and a process to follow. It was agreed that the root cause was a needed component. There was frustration on the changes that took place to the UIP since it was rolled out. Information wasn't communicated clearly when changes were made or some had already completed the work before the changes were implemented. Suggestions to the process include having a consistent process that doesn't change as the school year progresses; could there be a different way of completing the UIP of K-2 schools. The supports and training were excellent. The face-to-face training around the state was well received and appreciated!

Teacher Equity: Lisa Medler/Alyssa Pearson

Lisa shared a draft of effective teachers which is NOT to be shared. It was noted there was some value to it but is it practical and should the word MUST be there? Questions that arose were: How will this effect rural schools? Who will be burden be on – Principal, District Admin? Who will monitor it? What is the definition of ineffective? How will teachers be rated? There were more questions at this point than a clear understanding of the purpose and outcomes.

School View: Alyssa Pearson

Alyssa walked us through the SchoolView site on CDE and explained the format. All federal requirements are listed under the NCLB tab and contain the information that used to be included in the SARs. Alyssa would like any feedback. The AYP information for School Choice document is included and the AMAO section is up and working. All charter schools that are through the Colorado Charter Institute are listed under them.

Race/ethnicity: Donna Morganstern

Donna made sure that we all knew that Hispanic or not was the key question and that Hispanic trumped all. She needed feedback on whether this should be included in AYP and does it make sense to include at this point. The feds aren't requiring and with the changes around the corner is it worth the time when so few schools would or could be impacted. There would be no safe harbor and there is no advantage to schools.

CoP recommendation is to not make the changes and there is no reason to go above and beyond what is being required at this point.

Distinguished Teacher/Principal: Alyssa Pearson

Again there were minimal nominations even with the shorted formed and suggestions from the CoP. Alyssa brought forward that CDE might start looking at the data and give schools a 'heads-up' that this person would be a good candidate to encourage more nominations. The CoP thought this was a great suggestion. The names would be given to the Title I contact. The nominations are due in the Oct/Nov timeframe. The short form will be kept. Additional suggestions to honor these distinguished educators is to have the presentation take place with the board and at CASE.

Budget/Data Tables

There were no further clarifications needed on the document that Alyssa sent out a few weeks back regarding the changes to the Consolidated Grant budget and data tables. Thanks for getting those out to us ahead of time!

Meeting dates of 2011-12: Mary Ellen/Christy

Dates for next year were set. We are keeping to the first Wednesday of the months that we meet.

Dates for next year are: September 7th; November 2nd; February 1st; April 4th

Next Meeting: September 7th ~ Place to be determined

2:15 Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christy Bloomquist (in Anne's absence) on April 5, 2011.