

Dyslexia Working Group
November 12, 2021
Meeting Notes

Time and Location

Zoom Meeting

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Attendees

Dyslexia Working Group (DWG) Members: Jamie Brackney, Kenny Davis, Tamara Dubrin, Kathleen Grubb, Holli Hill, Sarah Huffman, Karin Johnson, Sierra Loar, Jay Mayer, Kathy McCall, Laura Santerre-Lemmon, and Jennifer Urbach.

Colorado Department of Education Staff: Floyd Cobb, Melissa Colzman, Paul Foster, Anji Gallanos, Ellen Hunter, and Veronica Fiedler

Meeting Facilitator: Debbie Hunsaker, STRIVE Consulting

Meeting Objectives

- To ask questions of CDE around dyslexia and the READ Act
- To be informed of updates about the Dyslexia Pilot and provide feedback
- To review the past work, including the final reports and recommendations
- To hear informative presentations by and provide feedback to the Teacher Training small working group

Meeting Activities

- Review DWG Norms
- Facilitator and DWG members reviewed the work of the DWG in years 1 and 2 using the [Dyslexia Working Group 2020 Annual Report](#) and the [Dyslexia Working Group 2021 Annual Report](#).
- Facilitator discussed where the DWG is headed in year 3. The DWG discussed year 3 work in breakout rooms.
 - Identify and recommend components of dyslexia awareness training for Colorado educators, including the content, target audience, time frame for training, and projected cost.
 - Identify and recommend educator training for in-state approved programs of preparation for teachers and alternative teacher programs and recommended training for current educators, based on effective practices in other states, as well as recommendations from state and national organizations focusing on literacy.
 - Provide recommendations to the department concerning the design and implementation of the pilot program. The working group shall analyze and integrate, as appropriate, the work and recommendations of other previous and

ongoing state initiatives related to improving the identification and support of students who have dyslexia.

- DWG members and Melissa Colman provided an update on the August State Board of Education presentation.
- CDE provided updates on:
 - The READ Act and incorporation of recommendations from the DWG.
 - The timeline of interim assessment review and alignment with DWG recommendations.
 - READ Act Teacher Training monthly office hours.
 - The Dyslexia Pilot and indicated that CDE would invite the University of Oregon to attend the December meeting.
- Laura Santerre-Lemmon shared the Comprehensive Dyslexia Assessment Chart and the reasoning behind it.
- Kathy McCall reviewed the latest on the teacher training working group and asked the DWG to provide feedback on the Dyslexia Awareness Training for Colorado Educators spreadsheet by December 3rd.
- Laura Santerre-Lemmon discussed the Karen Leopold Foundation on behalf of the DWG.

Upcoming DWG Meetings

- December 14, 2021
- January 7, 2022
- February 25, 2022
- May 23, 2022

Small working groups will meet between DWG meetings.