



**Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board Meeting**  
**March 25, 2011**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees**

Richard Bond  
Mark Rangel  
Renie Del Ponte  
Scott Stump  
Dan Jorgensen  
Vaughn Toland  
Cliff Richardson  
Geri Anderson  
Charles Dukes, CDE

**Audience**

Don Keeley, Aurora Public Schools  
Dierdre Cook, Poudre School District  
Brandon Protas, CCD  
Mimi Leonard, Littleton Public Schools  
Sheena TeBeest, FRCC  
Tim Wilkerson, CCA  
Steve Alkire, Greeley Schools  
Ted Seiler, Cherry Creek  
Judy Martinez, CDE

**1. Welcome**

Led by Cliff Richardson

Today's focus will be looking at potential distribution of funds for ASCENT students. At this point, we are optimistic that there will be funding for ASCENT.

Judith Martinez from CDE joined us today.

**2. ASCENT district Submission Update**

Led by Charles Dukes

The purpose of this collection was to provide a list of those who will participate in ASCENT along with evidence of eligibility of those students. Charles gave an overview of the ASCENT district submission flowchart, which outlined the process that districts go through to submit student data. The screening of this will include taking a look at data with a lens on the Statewide Remedial Education Policy, the coursework taken by students and ASCENT participation from previous years.

When CDE has completed this process, they will contact those districts with data discrepancies .

### Questions:

- The question was raised as to whether the Board will make any recommendations for kids who qualify for Pell grants. It was determined that it's a district decision to advise families on this issue.
- The flowchart will be edited to include CTE students, noting that a student must meet the eligibility requirements for the program they're enrolling in.
- It was clarified that this process will only pertain to student submitted this year and not to those submitted last year.
- The question was asked as to whether in-progress courses would count toward eligibility and Charles clarified that districts can submit second semester schedules as evidence of eligibility.

### **3. Waiver of the 6<sup>th</sup> Year**

Legislation asks the Board to look at the feasibility of a 6<sup>th</sup> year. In December, the Board decided to put that off until the spring. The board will put it on future agendas.

After we get past the prioritization, we will be starting to work with the departments on the data collection. That'll be the Board's next role. Then, we'll reactivate the communication committee.

### **4. Prioritization of Funds**

A committee has worked on the formula for prioritization. We are watching the School Finance Act to see if we can hold true to the funding formula.

Cliff showed a chart of the districts and the number of submittals received in September and in February. The count went down to 753, which comes to \$4M. That is the amount that's in the current draft of the School Finance Act.

Cliff presented a number of different options for the prioritization of funds and summarized that the committee determined that either a simple prorate of eligible students or a ranking by criteria would be the best option.

The Board listened to feedback and concerns from the audience. At the next meeting, the Board will decide on a plan for prioritization in the event of limited funds for the ASCENT program.

### **Formal Meeting**

#### **1. Welcome, roll call, approval of agenda, approval of minutes**

- a. Chahnuh Fritz, Chelsy Harris and Jhon Penn were absent.
- b. Minutes approved by G. Anderson, seconded by M. Rangel

#### **2. Public Input**

#### **3. Next steps**

- a. Approve priority rankings, have an idea of slots available
- b. Communications plan
- c. Review legislation for data element reporting that we have to start getting ready for

#### **4. Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by M. Rangel, seconded by S. Springer