

SACPIE

State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

1560 Broadway, 19th Floor Conference Room

Denver, CO 80202

11:00 am-3:00 pm

Minutes

Members Present: Noemi Aguilar, DJ Anderson, Dr. Diane Bassett, Cindy Dascher, Dr. Kris Greer (via phone), Chris Johnson, Jeff Klein, Kevin Leung, Leslie Levine, Terry Croy Lewis, Joanna Peters, Sandy Ripplinger, Kim Watchorn (Vice-Chair), Stacey Zis (Chair)

Members Absent: Amie Baca-Oehlert, Becky Barnes, Cindy Daisley, Jennifer Garcia-Rosendo, Laura Ayers, Jessica Johnson, Jan Tanner

Guests and CDE Staff Present: Richard Garcia, Senator Evie Hudak, Diana Huffman, Dr. Darcy Hutchins, Dr. Cathy Lines, David Ramer, Dr. Brian Sevier

Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Zis welcomed all members and guests.
- Members introduced themselves then shared ideas on how to recognize *Family and School Partnership in Education Month* in October.
 - Calendar of the Month with each day listing a best practice or a “did you know....” Calendar could be sent to local school boards.
 - Create talking points.
 - Migrant Parents Conference in Denver on October 3, 2015.
 - Design a poster and post on the SACPIE website.
 - Send information to distribution groups.

Introduce New Members and Honor Departing Members

- DJ Anderson, Cindy Daisley and Kevin Leung were welcomed as new members.
- Mark Kling, Jayne Johnson Lewis, Jimena Sagas and Michelle Winzent were recognized for their contributions to SACPIE.
- Richard Garcia was honored for his contributions to SACPIE. Senator Hudak mentioned that SACPIE would not exist without him. He will stay on as an advisory member.

Committee Report-Out

- **Early Childhood**

Noemi Aguilar, Co-Chair

After being in transition, the Early Childhood Committee recently had a conference call to assess where they are and to discuss goals.

- **Elementary**

Chris Johnson, Co-Chair

This year's main goal of the Elementary Committee is to support the parent component of the READ Act. They have been brainstorming ideas for scripts parents and teachers can use.

- **Secondary**

Joanna Peters, Co-Chair

The Secondary Committee is working on communications (newsletters, etc.).

- **Higher Education**

Kim Watchorn, Co-Chair

The Higher Education Committee has been collecting syllabi this summer – they want to gather more. Higher Education institutions are focusing on students who are also parents. Dr. Diane Bassett mentioned the trends she is seeing in her research of parent engagement at secondary vs. post-secondary.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, May 19, 2015

- The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.

CDE Update

- Dr. Hutchins spoke about SACPIE's recognition at the National Family Engagement Conference in Chicago in June and by the U.S. Department of Education.
- *Family and School Partnership in Education Month* – hoping to receive a proclamation from the Office of the Governor. Kickoff Event will be October 1st at 11:30a. Darcy will send "Save the Date" to SACPIE. Dr. Joyce Epstein will present on October 8th at 7:00p.
- Promising Partnership Practices – will have final printed version at the Kick-off Event on October 1st. Darcy is open to suggestions for a clever title.
- School Accountability Committee/District Accountability Committee (SAC/DAC) Training Update – working on creating an online model.
- Friday CAFÉ (Community and Family Engagement) – considering doing a CAFÉ in the morning and a Promising Practices training in the afternoon; people could attend one, the other or both.
- Darcy handed out an article by Milbrey McLaughlin, *Learning from Experience: Lessons from Policy Implementation*.

Guest Speaker: Colorado Academic Standards Parent Guides and Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork (TIPS) Interactive Homework

- Chair Zis introduced Dr. Brian Sevier, Associate Dean, Metropolitan State University.
- Brian spoke about:
 - Creating family-friendly guides to the Colorado Academic Standards.
 - Writing one-page descriptions for each of the ten content areas, grades K-12.
 - Consulting with teachers, the Colorado PTA and other family organizations.
 - Presenting Colorado Academic Standards training sessions across the state.
 - Working with Dr. Joyce Epstein to create parent involved homework assignments focusing on K-3 literacy for the TIPS website.
 - Will be available in spring 2016.
 - No cost to any district in Colorado.
 - Available in Spanish.
 - Includes accommodations for students with disabilities.

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Partnering Implementation Guide Introduction and Feedback

- Chair Zis introduced Cindy Dascher, Cathy Lines and Kim Watchorn, CDE Exceptional Student Services Unit and Office of Learning Supports.
- Cindy, Cathy and Kim spoke about:
 - Revising the Response to Intervention (RtI) Family and Community Partnering “On the Team and At the Table” Toolkit that was created in 2009.
 - Will be an online module.
 - Six years of participant feedback.
 - There are three implementation steps in the *Guide*, based on adult learning principles. These are: Step One – Ensure Shared Knowledge; Step Two – Use Data to Action Plan; Step Three – Adapt Tiered Tools.
 - Seeking feedback from SACPIE members.

SACPIE Spotlight: Sharing About Council Organizations

- Terry Croy Lewis provided an overview of the Colorado League of Charter Schools.

Committee Report-Out

- **Early Childhood**
Noemi Aguilar, Co-Chair

The Early Childhood Committee had nothing additional to report.

- **Elementary**
Chris Johnson, Co-Chair

The Elementary Committee will be gathering more information from elementary schools, compiling and distributing it.

- **Secondary**

Joanna Peters, Co-Chair

The Secondary Committee will collect comments on one remaining standard, then the communications will most likely be finalized.

- **Higher Education**

Kim Watchorn, Co-Chair

The Higher Education Committee will request syllabi from a larger pool. They will begin having phone meetings.

Adjournment

- Chair Zis adjourned the meeting.

Upcoming SACPIE Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 (Planning Retreat) 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Colorado Education Association, 1500 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203

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