

# SACPIE

## State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Meeting and Planning Retreat  
Tuesday, November 18, 2014  
Colorado Education Association  
1500 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203  
12:00 pm-4:00 pm

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Becky Barnes, Dr. Diane Bassett, Jennifer Garcia-Rosendo, Niki Gill, Dr. Kris Greer, Chris Johnson, Jeff Klein, Mark Kling, Dr. Cathy Lines (Chair), Joanna Peters, Jimena Sagas, Jan Tanner, Stacey Zis (Vice Chair)

**Members Absent:** Amie Baca-Oehlert, Cindy Dascher, Richard Garcia, Jessica Johnson, Jayne Lewis-Johnson, Tomas Mejia, Sandy Ripplinger, Beth Schaffner, Michelle Winzent

**Guests and CDE Staff Present:** Senator Evie Hudak, Diana Huffman, Dr. Darcy Hutchins, Terry Croy Lewis, David Ramer, Kelly Stritzinger, Blanca Trejo, Kim Watchorn

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Lines welcomed all members and guests.
- Members introduced a member sitting next to them.

#### Honoring Our Members

- Mary Gross was recognized for her service on SACPIE.
- Becky Barnes, Chris Johnson, Jayne Lewis-Johnson and Jimena Sagas were welcomed as new Parent Representatives, and Joanna Peters was welcomed as a new Representative of a Statewide Organization that Represents Career, College Guidance Counselors.
- Chair Lines was recognized for her service to SACPIE. A Colorado State flag was being flown at the State Capitol that day in her honor.

#### Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

## Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, August 19, 2014

- The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.

## 2015 Operating Procedures Review and Approval

- Most changes revolve around working with Dr. Darcy Hutchins, CDE Family Partnership Director.
- Each committee will have a CDE co-chair.
- Working committees have changed.
  - The Partnerships Committee has been eliminated (each committee should work on partnerships).
  - The K-12 Committee has been split into Elementary and Secondary.
- The operating procedures were approved as amended.

## CDE Update

- Dr. Hutchins mentioned that there is one remaining School Accountability Committee (SAC) and District Accountability Committee (DAC) training – November 20 in Colorado Springs.
- CDE is receiving more requests for support from the field. Hopefully the committees can help with these.
- Dr. Hutchins will be forming an ad hoc committee, the Promising Partnership Practices (PPP) Committee, to collect PPPs and produce a publication to be distributed to the field.
- Senator Hudak reported there is a need for Accountability training. The Colorado State Accountability Network (CSAN) would like to help with this.
- Senator Hudak mentioned the Parent Engagement Grant Program. The Walton Family Foundation awarded a similar grant to another State.

## SACPIE Spotlight: Sharing About Council Organizations

- Mark Kling, Executive Director, Family Resource Association provided an overview of his organization.

## Election of New SACPIE Chair and Vice Chair

- Members nominated candidates by email prior to the meeting.
  - Stacey Zis was named the new chair.
  - Kim Watchorn will be the new vice chair and one of CDE's representatives on SACPIE.
  - The election results were approved unanimously and will become effective on January 1, 2015.

## Guest Speaker: Family Engagement in Educator Evaluations

- Chair Lines introduced Katy Anthes, Executive Director, Educator Effectiveness, Colorado Department of Education.
- Katy spoke about:
  - Senate Bill 10-191's timeline of implementation.
  - Rubrics for new principal and teacher evaluations.
  - Possible survey tools families can use to give feedback for principal and teacher evaluations.
- Discussion ensued.

## 2014 Final Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee**

Cathy Lines, Chair  
Stacey Zis, Vice Chair

Chair Lines provided a handout listing SACPIE's activities from August 19 to November 18, 2014, including conferences, trainings, presentations, etc.

- **Early Childhood**

Jenn Garcia-Rosendo, Co-Chair  
Tomas Mejia, Co-Chair

Jenn reported that in 2014 the Early Childhood Committee did presentations to Early Childhood organizations, appeared on a radio show and developed surveys which it intends to give to providers and families next year.

- **Higher Education**

Kris Greer, Chair

During the past year, Kris and the Higher Education Committee surveyed Colorado colleges and universities regarding current family support practices, then did a brief analysis. Work will continue in utilizing the survey results to guide the committee's work.

- **K-12**

Jeff Klein, Chair

In 2014, Jeff reported that the K-12 Committee conduct a website search of every district to Colorado to identify supports for District Accountability Committees. This information was used in SAC and DAC trainings conducted by CDE in collaboration with SACPIE.

- **Partnerships**

Amie Baca-Oehlert, Co-Chair  
Michelle Winzent, Co-Chair

The Partnerships Committee created the SACPIE Spotlight, as well as other accomplishments. In the coming year, developing partnerships will be part of the responsibilities of each committee.

## 2015 Committee Formation and Reporting

- **Secondary**

Joanna Peters, Co-Chair; Jeff Klein, Co-Chair

Jeff Klein reported on the Secondary Committee's annual goals: learn who interested parties are; identify ways to collaborate with the Elementary and Higher Education Committees regarding transitions; advocate for increased family involvement.

- **Early Childhood**

Jenn Garcia-Rosendo, Co-Chair; Tomas Mejia, Co-Chair  
 Niki Gill, Backup Co-Chair

Niki reported on the Early Childhood Committee’s 2015 goals and discussed the importance of finding quality childcare, transitioning from preschool to kindergarten and reaching out to interested parties – the refugee community, parents as teachers, early childhood councils. The committee also discussed how to partner with boards and commissions that are organized through the governor’s office.

- **Elementary**

Chris Johnson, Co-Chair; Cindy Dascher, Co-Chair

Chris reported on the Elementary Committee’s annual goals as supporting the parent component of the implementation of the READ Act, and supporting parents in transition from elementary to secondary school.

- **Higher Education**

Kris Greer, Co-Chair; Kim Watchorn, Co-Chair

Kim reported on the Higher Education Committee’s 2015 goals: provide professional development for teachers and administrators; look at a best practices document completed previously and possibly refine and distribute it. The committee also discussed the information gleaned from the 2014 surveys and the concept of family in the post-secondary arena.

#### Announcements

- Diana Huffman provided a printout from the US Department of Education’s webpage on Family and Community Engagement. Resources easily can be shared state by state.
- Dr. Hutchins reminded the committee co-chairs to include her in all communications.

#### Adjournment

- Chair Lines adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.

**Upcoming SACPIE Meetings**  
**Colorado Education Association**  
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Tuesday, February 10, 2015	11:00 am-3:00 pm
Tuesday, May 19, 2015	11:00 am-3:00 pm
Tuesday, August 18, 2015	11:00 am-3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 (Planning Retreat)	11:00 am-3:00 pm