



Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board Meeting
April 28, 2011
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Minutes

Attendees

Geri Anderson
Richard Bond
Renie Del Ponte
Chahnuh Fritz
Chelsy Harris
Mark Rangel
Deborah Schmitt
Scott Springer
Scott Stump
Vaughn Toland
Charles Dukes, CDE

Audience

1. Welcome

Led by Cliff Richardson

Cliff accepted the resignation of Dan Jorgensen from the board and thanked Dan for his work on this board. He will be leaving the board to join CDE as an employee.

2. Update on ASCENT Funding

Led by Charles Dukes

As it stands today, 753 ASCENT participants will be funded at the rate of \$5,888. Charles will do some investigation on how the School Finance Act was modified to determine the reduced rate. This is not final, but that's where it stands right now.

Also, CDE submitted an amendment to the Federal government to use the 5th year for AYP and this amendment was approved.

ASCENT Student Data Verification: CDE looked through transcript submissions from districts who submitted ASCENT students. They have become more aware of some of the understandings of ASCENT. Also, using the CDHE index for remediation based on the ACT score, many students did not have enough documentation to determine if they met this remediation rates. CDHE will provide districts with a list of students who didn't meet the transcribed credit requirement or remediation requirement. Districts will have the summer to identify issues prior to submitting the student names in the October count.

Appeals Process: CDE has received calls from parents across the state who do not like the college courses offered by their district. Board members were asked if any knew of best practices that could support parents in this situation. Do districts have appeals processes for parents? If a parent wants to appeal to the district, how can they talk to the districts?

- DPS has a waiver form that parents can use
- Since participation by districts is voluntary, an appeal process is out of this Board's privity
- Perhaps CASE could provide some sample language to school districts.

3. **ASCENT Prioritization**

Led by Cliff Richardson

If the School Finance Act remains as is, we will not need to use the prioritization formula this year.

We've narrowed it down to two concepts (1) taking prioritization as listed in the statute for free and reduced lunch and other factors, merged into a ranking scale, took ranking scale by percentage and distributed accordingly. (2) Once we have spring numbers, pro-rate based on number of funds received.

The Board discussed these two options and decided to make the final vote during the formal session. It was also noted that we will need to revisit this again next year.

4. **Action items for next year**

The Board discussed possible action items for next year. Some suggestions included:

- Developing guidelines around transition students.
- Reconvening the subcommittee on the forms to update forms. That could be part of the communications committee.
- Developing a guidance sheet for districts to layout best practices to get to the September 1 list of numbers.
- Identifying chairs for different committees: communications/forms,

Committees formed include the following:

- Communication committee: Geri, Sunny, Chelsy, Scott Springer, Vaughn
- Online committee: Chahnuh, Scott Stump
- 6th year waiver research: Geri

Formal Meeting

- 1. Welcome, roll call, approval of agenda, approval of minutes**
 - a. Dan Jorgensen, Jhon Penn were absent
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Motion to approve minutes made by S. Springer, seconded by C. Fritz.
- 3. Public Input**
- 4. Action Items**
 - a. Motion to recommend that the funding formula for ASCENT students be a flat funding minimum of 2 unless the high school has 1, then pro-rated accordingly after that made by R. Bond, seconded by S. Stump. Approved.
- 5. Next Meeting**
 - a. No meeting in May.
 - b. We will follow up about a June or July Meeting
- 6. Meeting Adjourned**