



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Lakewood, CO

MINUTES

Members Present: DJ Anderson (Chair), Leslie Levine (Vice-Chair), Kristen Collins, Yoni Dobie-Geffen, Stacy Johns, Veronica Palmer, Joyce Thiessen-Barrett, Kim Watchorn, Chris Miller, Ann Bruce, Pam Christy, Sofia Esteve, Eryn Kaiser, Dee Leyba, Kim McLachlan, Maci O’Grady, Monica Peloso, Kay Trotter, Jason Taylor, Brandon Hellwig, Dr. Kris Greer

Absences: Joanna Peters, Michael Vente

Guests: Dr. Darcy Hutchins, Dr. Gloria Miller, Patti Schmidt, Evie Hudak, Kirby Stein, Molly Enright, Ester Rivera, Josephine Jones, Debbie Butkus, Joey Willett

Welcome and Introductions

- Members and guests introduced themselves
- Ice Breaker – Scavenger Hunt
 - If members have ideas for additional ice breakers, get in touch with Darcy

Public Comment

- Josephine Jones and Debbie Butkus, Motherread/Fatheread
 - Supports family engagement through teaching parents how to read to their children with a specific focus on infancy to 3rd grade.
 - Provided a three-day institute in Colorado Springs, which trained district library personnel from across the state.
 - Also provides a 6-8 week session series focusing on adult reading and writing skills particularly with second language learners.

- Ester Rivera, STOMP
 - Trains parent volunteers in effective volunteering, reading intervention, and paraprofessional skills.
 - Has cultivated interest in paraprofessionals to become teachers in Adams 14.
- Leslie Levine, Second Chance
 - Tabaco-free program, which acts as an alternative to in-school suspension.
 - Educates youth on why Tabaco and vaping are harmful, how companies utilize advertising tactics, and what tools they can use to resist unhealthy behaviors.
 - There is a lot of federal funding available for Tabaco-free programming such as this.

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, November 13, 2018

- Minutes were approved unanimously without amendment.

Google Drive Update – Darcy Hutchins

- Should now be available to everyone now.
- Great way to share information more effectively with everyone in SACPIE.

Latest Happenings and Business

- CASE Winter Conference – Darcy Hutchins and Patti Schmidt
 - Presented on building effective partnerships between teachers, parents, and admin.
 - Also presented a pilot program on dual capacity building, which is ready to be integrated into districts.
- UIP Feedback was worked on and provided by Kim Watchorn, Lisa-Stefen, and Darcy Hutchins
- Second Annual District Leaders’ Retreat
 - Darcy Hutchins hosted and Monica Peloso spoke as a board member.
 - Retreat was held on January 10th and 11th, was extended by half of a day this year, and had double the attendance from last year.

FSCP Framework Feedback and Next Steps – Joey Willett, Chris Miller, and Darcy Hutchins

- Presented a timeline to show that, by the end of the year, Colorado will have an official definition of FSCP.
- The PowerPoint presentation and principle statements are available in the SACPIE Google Drive.
- A principle statements graphic was presented and discussed. The graphic was liked in general but was asked to be bigger and contained to one page.
- Met in five small groups to work on the language and improvement of the principle statements and presented what was discussed to the larger group (more extensive notes are available in the Google Drive).

Review of Legislated Priorities for 2019 – DJ Anderson and Leslie Levine

- Goal: to empower parents and help them get involved in programs to raise academic achievement, increase the high school graduation rate, decrease student dropout rates, and close the achievement and growth gaps.

- Members discussed how to ensure these meetings are translated, discussions are taken back to members' co-workers and partners in education, and how feedback is gathered.

Committee Time

- Members shared what their committees had been working on prior to the meeting.
- Members discussed the following top priority items in their committees:
 - Choosing a CDE co-chair and a non-CDE co-chair
 - Deliverable and non-deliverable goals for your committee in 2019
 - Potential groups to engage with your committee in the community
 - SACPIE and committee meeting times, length, frequency, and location
 - Ways to continue promoting promising practices through your committee's goals
 - How to communicate relevant information to community stakeholders

CDE Website Revision Presentation – Dana Smith, Chief Communications Officer at CDE

- Dana Smith presented on the history of the revisions, what was needed from the revisions, and why those changes were needed.
- Members were shown the current proposed design and provided feedback.

State Accountability Rulemaking Update – Ashleigh Piche, Director of Accountability and Data Analysis

- Purpose of the accountability system: to provide valid and actionable information that supports districts, schools, and stakeholders in evaluating and improving effectiveness of instruction.
- Ashleigh presented on various aspects of the state accountability system including what different ratings mean, the four areas of implementation, and the difference between growth and achievement.
- Members provided the following feedback on the color system of ratings:
 - System is frustrating for parents because a color doesn't fully portray the community aspect of schools.
 - Acts as the most blunt and visible tool, which allows for the state to stand back instead of asserting authority over all aspects of local education.
 - Difference between state and local rating systems makes the system more untrustworthy to parents and stakeholders.

Upcoming SACPIE Meetings

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| Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | 11:00 am-3:00pm |
| Tuesday, August 20, 2019 | 11:00 am-3:00pm |

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