



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

SACPIE Quarterly Meeting - Virtual
November 19, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Angie Frank, Mark Sass, Beth Donahue, Twyla Esquibel, Nathan Hickman, Liz Wilson, Jess Welch, Roxanne Aviles, Heidi Haines, Kris Greer, Ami Prichard, Sherrell Lang, Brooke Cote, Sena Harjo

Absences: Kim Chatman, Kate Garvin, Chelsey Hall, Jenny Lerner, Mary McNeill, Carrie Olson, Jason Taylor, Michelle Zeles-Hahn,

Guests: Darcy Hutchins, Jes Stroope, Jamie Madigan, Matthew Chavez, Stacey Vanhoy, Karen Amidon, Kati Van Sicklen

9:00 Welcome and Business

Jess Welch opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Jess Welch motioned to approve August minutes. Seconded. All in favor. August minutes approved.

9:05 Public Comments

There were 2 public comments from CD4.

9:15 Get to Know SACPIE Members

Members participated in an icebreaker.

9:25 CDE Office of FSCP Updates

Dr. Darcy Hutchins asked attendees to complete the Google form for the Annual Report that is due on November 22, 2024. Darcy shared that Jes Stroope created a “trail map” for the CDE Office of FSCP website. Darcy pointed out the highlights of the trail map. Darcy shared that SACPIE has been written into the CDE Strategic Plan to integrate and elevate family and community partnerships to increase student engagement. Johann Liljengren shared the top highlights of the CDE Strategic Plan.

9:30 The group took a five-minute break.

9:35 FSCP and Attendance by Johann Liljengren

Johann Liljengren gave an update around attendance with regards to dropout prevention. He stated that CO is seeing progress in the key metrics of attendance rates and chronic absenteeism though there is variation across grade levels. There are also variations across instructional program service types such as homeless, multilingual learners, low income, migrant, and special education. Colorado's goal is to reduce chronic absenteeism by 50% from its pandemic high. Colorado has an attendance challenge going on along with 14 other states. It is highlighted on the CDE website with resources and tools. Johann discussed the theory of change in the CDE Strategic Plan. He led brainstorming with SACPIE members regarding their work this year with regards to attendance for support to build up district capacity. The group discussed what other types of materials or resources would be helpful for them or families they work with, and what other types of materials or resources would be helpful for schools and districts. Mark Sass shared a survey with the group. The link to the survey is <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8086754/Colorado-Student-Attendance-Survey>

10:34 Break

10:45 Student Engagement: Understanding It, Seeing It, and Partnering to Address It with Rebecca Winthrop from the Center for Universal Education at Brookings

Rebecca Winthrop presented on her recent research on student engagement and her book, "The Disengaged Teen." Rebecca highlighted the big takeaways from her research. #1: Student engagement matters. It's not just a "nice to have." We have an epidemic of student engagement and engagement is essential to student outcomes. #2: Student disengagement can be hard to see. It's hard to see what they feel and think. There is a new framework to help fully see engagement. There are four modes of engagement within the framework. They are the resister, explorer, passenger, and achiever. #3: Family engagement is essential to student engagement. Rebecca talked about the path to chronic absenteeism and why family-school partnership is needed within each of the four modes within the framework. She has an engagement toolkit: What parents and teachers can do. She discussed with SACPIE members on what ideas they have for sharing this information with families and schools and what strategies should she consider using to disseminate the book and its messages. One attendee mentioned getting the book into public libraries. Another attendee mentioned a short 30-minute webinar for parents.

11:30 Debrief-NAFSCE Assembly

SACPIE members who attended the NAFSCE Assembly shared briefly about sessions they attended:

- Master Class on Relational Trust
- Educator Preparation Program Micro Institute
- SACPIE Session
- FSCP Collaborative – A Regional Approach
- FSCP in High School

11:38 SACPIE Member Resource Sharing

There will be a Colorado Parent Teacher Association conference on April 26-27, 2025, in Lakewood, CO.

Twyla Esquibel from higher education updated SACPIE on FAFSA for high school students. A dashboard has been created for FAFSA. FAFSA launches December 1, 2024, and CASFA follows the FAFSA. She will send an email with this information.

There is a youth mental health challenge grant. More information is available on the DOL website.

Beth Donahue shared about the upcoming PEP Conference. Registration has not opened yet. It will be in Grand Junction.

Rocky Mountain Family Engagement Collective has an upcoming ECHO Series for teachers and schools about family engagement. It will be on Thursdays from January 23, 2025, to February 27, 2025, from 4:00-5:00 MST. They have an upcoming informational webinar regarding the ECHO series for teachers and schools on December 5, 2024, from 9:00-10:00 am.

11:50 Lunch Break

12:30 [100 Day Challenge](#) Updates

SACPIE members took time to review the 100-Day Challenge Spreadsheet to reflect on what progress they have made, what help they need from others to achieve their goal(s), and what are their next steps, if any.

1:06 SAC/DAC CDE Website

Dr. Darcy Hutchins shared that CDE's FSCP Office is going to be working on SAC/DAC Website revisions. She asked if any of today's SACPIE attendees would like to join an ad hoc committee to collaborate on website revisions. Meetings will be virtual. This portion of the CDE website has not been updated in years.

1:12 Mark Your Calendars

Full Council Meetings are on February 11, 2025, May 6, 2025, August 26, 2025, and November 18, 2025. REMINDER: Members must attend at least 3 meetings per year.

1:16 pm Adjourn