

COLORADO Department of Education

Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Lakewood, CO

MINUTES

Members Present: Beth Donahue, Stacey Zis, Twyla Esquibel, Michelle Zeles-Hahn, Nathan Hickman, Staci Ruddy, Chelsey Hall, Jason Taylor, Kris Greer, Emily Shore, Jess Welch, Brooke Cote Mary McNeal, Kim Chatman

Absences: Ayde Avila, Kristin Dalton, Yoni Dobie-Geffen, Angie Frank, Mark Sass

Guests: Darcy Hutchins, Jes Stroope, April Thompson

Welcome and Introductions

• Members introduced themselves, their roles on SACPIE, and what has made them the happiest in 2023.

Business Housekeeping – Darcy Hutchins

- Meeting Mins Approval. Mary motioned to approve the Feb mins as presented Jess seconded and the mins were unanimously approved.
- SACPIE Vacancies: Parent in CD3, Parent in CD2, Parent in CD4, Parent in 7. Also a vacancy in non-profit serving under privileged youth. Need a representative from PEAK or parents of students with disabilities group. Applications are on the SACPIE website homepage and messages are continuing to go out in the scoop. Applications are due June 2nd, with a plan to go to the State Board in August.
- Promising Partnership Practices are being collected submission is open through June 2nd. You can submit via the FSCP webpage.

State Board of Education Update

- Darcy presented to the State Board of Education in February to review SACPIE, FSCP 101, and work being done with districts. Dr. Escarcega shared a video of a home visit. This presentation is recorded and available on the State Board of Education website.
- The State Board voiced a concern that SACPIE is not representative of the state, Darcy agreed to let the Board know when there is an opening for assistance with representation.



SACPIE Resources and Member Sharing

- Kris Greer shared on a recent trip to DC with NEA and Darcy to present and celebrate the National Framework. The National Framework has been in process with CDE and CDHE for educators and teachers to use with families in schools. The framework has 7 states represented with additional organizations contributing.
- Jes Stroope shared on the recent District Leadership Retreat. The retreat was the first week of May in Estes Park. Representation from 80 people and 27 districts attended. The first day focused on district level staff and the second day focused on school level staff. Opportunities for community building with a fire pit was a large success. A large amount of energy and collaboration came out of this event. A request from this event was for more superintendent engagement in FSCP. Darcy responded with a plan to have a virtual "Bring your Superintendent" to the FSCP Coffee Chat in January.
- Jason Tyler shared about the upcoming CASE conference and planned round table to share out
 practices and successes that are happening with SACs and DACs. This presentation will take
 place at the summer conference in Breckenridge. Jason offered any parents or representative of
 districts that are doing well with SACs and DACs reach out to him with contact information to
 possibly take part in this event. Jason and Darcy opened discussion with SACPIE as to the gap in
 how parents feel about SACs and DACs versus the principal view.
- Darcy shared that she has contracted with the DAC chair in D11 to put together a LearnWorlds course that will be parent facing. This course will outline the basic responsibilities, how to get involved etc. This course will be available first in English then translated to Spanish. The course is expected to be available by the start of the 2023/24 school year. Darcy will also share this course with SACPIE
- Mary shared they are having Brother Luck speak at an event in June. They are excited about this opportunity and the perspective that he brings.
- Twyla shared about the work with being done with the new FASFA that will be coming out in December. Several staff are in trainings now and there will be numerous training for educators coming soon. They are awaiting news on the specific changes. Free application days are also set in Oct for free application to colleges. A survey is being sent high school families, students, and counselors regrading their understanding of post secondary opportunities.
- Chelsey shared on the hiring process for 2 advisors and a DEI trainer. Chelsey also talked about the efforts to ensure that families are compensated for their time in participating in accountability committees and similar. There is funding available for organizations that are working with Spanish speaking with IEPs. Chelsey will share out this information for anyone who may have leads on organizations.
- Emily reminded SACPIE the healthy meals initiative from the USDA closes this month. There is 20 million available to small or rural districts. Applications are still needed.
- Beth shared on the work ESSU is doing to develop local advisories for school boards. There are a few of these that are up and running strong but post COVID these have been difficult to staff. Beth will share out more information in the fall with opportunities.

CDE Update – Darcy Hutchins and Jes Stroope

• Recap District Leaders Retreat



- Feedback from Retreat
- NAFSCE Grant- update on Educator Preparation Program Project
- Sate Board of Education Presentation
- Other Feedback Opportunities
 - CEI Assessment Tools
 - o Family Guide for Academic Standards
 - o Administrators Equity Toolkit
- FSCP in High School Learning Cohort
- Alamosa Event- Opening Family Center

Break -

SACPIE Mission and Vision Activity- Emily Shore

- Review of the definition and best practices for Vision and Mission statements
- Individual Processing Time
- Small group working on developing shared mission/vision

Lunch

SACPIE Mission and Vision Activity Continued

- Large group to form a combined vision
 - Suggested statements for vote include:
 - "All students' and families life goals are met through inclusive partnership."
 - "All students' life goals are met through inclusive family partnership"
 - "A Colorado where every voice supports and elevates student life outcomes"
 - "In Colorado, every voice is supported and elevated for students life outcomes"
 - SACPIE voted and tied for #2 and #3. With a revote, #2 was the majority vote and the SACPIE Vision statement was decided as "All students life goals are met through family, school, community partnership.
- Large group work to form a combine mission
 - To inform and advise educational systems on best and promising practice that support families ability to be involved in their child's education.
 - To inform and advise educational systems on best-and-promising practices that support family school and community partnerships.
 - To inform and advise educational systems on best-and-promising practices that enhances FSCP ability to support students' life goals.
 - SACPIE voted with the outcome of the mission statement of: "To inform and advise educational systems on best-and-promising practices that support family, school, and community partnerships."

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