



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

SACPIE Quarterly Meeting - Virtual
May 7, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jess Welch, Jenny Lerner, Ami Prichard, Angie Frank, Brooke Cote, Carrie Olson, Beth Donahue, Chelsey Hall, Heidi Haines, Jason Taylor, Kim Chatman, Laura Harney, Liz Wilson, Michelle Zeles-Hahn, Nathan Hickman, Roxanne Aviles, Sherrell Lang, Twyla Esquibel

Absences: Kristin Dalton, Kris Greer, Mark Sass, Mary McNeill, Rhonda Solis

Guests: Darcy Hutchins, Jess Stroope, Kate Garvin, Jarred Frank, Daniel Mangan, Aislinn Wales, Yoni Dobie-Geffen

Meeting began at 12:00pm

12:00pm Welcome

12:07pm Approval of meeting mins from February 2024 meeting.

Angie motioned to approved and Kim seconded the motion. February 2024 SACPIE mins were approved.

12:10pm Networking Breakout Rooms and Whole Group Share Out

Name, Role on SACPIE, What Promising Partnership Practice can you submit this year?

Chelsey shared that CDHS received a grant for Family Voice alumni to start their own Family Voice councils. Many chose to do so in their schools. Chelsey will be asking them to submit a promising practice. Kim shared that her school put together a Black Excellent plan for Black students and families. This year challenged 4th and 5th graders to create their own student plan and invited families to participate and high school students to help. Ami shared that CO-PTA is doing work on the Community Schools initiative. Jenny shared that the Migrant State Advisory Council is now being run by parents and parents are getting and providing feedback in terms of service delivery plan and measuring academic

program outcomes.

12:34pm Debrief 1241 Task Force Meeting

Liz shared the recording is worth watching and that it felt focused on smaller charters. Spanish speaking families were represented. Roxanne shared she was disappointed by the parent representation as it did not represent larger districts. Big takeaway was importance of communication beyond academics and providing data in family friendly language. Darcy commented on the parent's feedback that school ratings don't tell the whole story of a school. Liz brought up the conversation around standardized testing and parents being able to opt their students out. Sherrell added that only females were represented on the panels and did not represent different types of guardians. Darcy will send the recording of the Task Force to SACPIE members.

12:45pm On Track Growth Reporting and Technical Assistance Feedback Session

Aislinn Wales and Daniel Mangan from the Accountability and Continuous Improvement Unit at CDE presented on growth reporting. They are seeking feedback from SACPIE on what accountability committees should take away from the measure and what additional resources may be needed for SACs/DACs. Aislinn gave an overview of On Track Growth and sought feedback on the current reporting and technical assistance plan, what else would be helpful to know or have in order to support accountability committees on this topic, and any audiences or purposes they are missing.

1:27pm SACPIE Member Resource Sharing

Kate Garvin with the Rocky Mountain Family Engagement Collective thanked the group for helping find PSC members. Two things coming up from RMFEC: 1) Recent webinar on using school budgets for FSCP is on their website and 2) Registration is now open for an ECHO series for teachers – free, will run from Sept 6-Oct 11

Laura Harney from Colorado Family Engagement Collaborative (CEI) shared that their website will be up in June. Requesting help with SACPIE members on resources they'd like to see on the website. Free meaningful career conversations happening in June. Regional convening this Friday (9 districts surrounding Aurora). Working on a date in September for a virtual convening – SACPIE will be invited.

Beth Donahue shared a webinar that PEAK Parent Center is hosting tonight – “Family Engagement Beyond the IEP Meeting”. One of a three-part series. Will be posted on PEAK's website after.

Ami Prichard shared that they had their CO PTA Convention recently. Community Schools was part of the convention; PTA is on the Statewide Coalition for Community Schools. Great opportunity for all districts across the state to make the school a hub of the community. The Coalition is working on getting together a website that will be available in the summer.

Twyla Esquibel shared that CDHE has been busy with FAFSA and CAFSA completion. Have had 15 school districts to be part of the FAFSA completion portal. Last week HB 24-1403 was signed – increased access to higher ed for foster and McKinney Vento students between the ages of 17-26 (can go to any public university in Colorado for up to 4 years for free).

Sherrell Lang invited SACPIE members to the Southern Ute Tribe's Annual Bear Dance Celebration May 31-June 3.

1:42pm CDE Updates

Darcy Hutchins shared that SACPIE was reauthorized and will sunset in 2030. They did include adding a member of CO Dept of Early Childhood, updated language (from Rtl to MTSS), etc. Promising Partnership Practices are due May 24 2024. The FSCP Annual District Leader Retreat was a success with 31 districts in attendance. EdWeek published their articles on "Turning Family Engagement Into Better Schools" – Colorado was included in one of the articles. NAFSCE is facilitating a Reframing Academy for CDE staff and SACPIE members.

1:52pm Wrap-Up

Reminder that members must attend at least three meetings per year. The upcoming meetings are:

August 27, 2024

November 19, 2024

February 11, 2025

2:00pm Meeting Adjourned