



Dyslexia Working Group
Friday, May 10, 2024
Meeting Summary

Attendees

- Dyslexia Working Group: Jenny Imel, Brian Rose, Laura Swanson, Dyann Powell, Cindy Kanuch, Sarah Huffman, Patrick McGinty, Jess Yost, Marcie Eichmann, Sierra Loar, Jamie Brackney
- Colorado Department of Education: Rachael Lovendahl, Floyd Cobb, Ellen Hunter, Anji Gallanos, Mandy Harris
- Public: Jo (First Name Only)
- Facilitators: Kara Schmitt and Betsy Kummer

Time and Location

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

In person at Colorado Department of Education

Address: 1560 Broadway, 19th Floor Conference Room

[Recording Link](#)

Helpful links:

[Dyslexia Working Group | CDE](#)

[Colorado Department of Education Dyslexia Handbook \(Feb. 2020\)](#)

Meeting Objectives

- Finalize recommendations
- Prep for next year

Meeting Activities

1. Welcome/Introductions

Members shared celebrations and summer plans

Norms were shared for public participation

2. Participant Updates

3. CDE Updates

Mandy Harris- new hire ELSR position, former DWG member

[May 10th DWG ELSR Introduction Deck FINAL.pdf](#)

4. Progress on Recommendations from DWG in Prior Years

The group was provided with a tracking worksheet of progress on past

recommendations including decision making authority relative to the recommendation.

The group had discussion about where things have not moved forward and where they might identify some potential pathways for progress.

5. Small Groups

Refined recommendations- participants moved into small groups to work on their proposed recommendations.

6. Feedback

Small groups swapped and reviewed each other's work to identify the following:

- Is there anything that needs clarification? More detail?
- Is the audience clear?
- Is it in the DWG lane?
- Who has decision making authority?

7. Return to small groups and revise/edit

Small groups finalized recs and posted in the electronic document.

The group will have a final opportunity to review the report and offer any feedback/ revisions before the report is submitted July 1, 2024.

8. Prep for Next Year

Sierra Loar was acknowledged for her contributions to the group and will be stepping down from her role.

9. The group suggested a few ideas for what to focus on next year:

- Building upon leg 101- more training on advocacy in this work
- Inviting other partner groups such as COKID to come to a meeting to identify ways to leverage work related to dyslexia
- Hearing from legislators, members of JBC, etc. to better understand the process required to change policy and practice

10. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment

11. Closing/Next Steps

Betsy and Kara will follow up with the report for review, schedule/ meeting options for the new school year in June.