



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

**SACPIE Quarterly Meeting
August 22, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: DJ Anderson, Mark Sass, Twyla Esquibel, Nathan Hickman, Liz Wilson, Michelle Zeles-Hahn, Brooke Cote, Mary McNeill, Kris Greer, Heidi Haines, Kimberly Chatman, Jess Welch, Sherrell Lang, Jason Taylor, Yoni Dobie-Geffen, Laura Harney Emily Shore, Kristin Dalton, Beth Donahue

Absences: Angie Frank, Chelsey Hall, Jenny Lerner

Guests: Darcy Hutchins, Jes Stroope, April Thompson, Suzi Tonini

Meeting began at 9:00am

9:00-9:15am Get to know you Ice Breaker

9:15-9:25am Introductions

9:30am Approval of May 2023 Mins.

Mary motioned to approve the May mins, Michelle seconded, with all in favor the May mins were approved.

9:35am SACPIE Vacancies

District 7 and District 4 still need parent representatives.

9:35am SACPIE and School Libraries – Suzi Tonini

Suzi present on the support of school libraries, the changes of libraries over time and the current status of school libraries.

By a show of hands, the majority of attendees indicated they had a school library and librarian through elementary, middle and high school. Suzi stated the importance of these and that this is often no longer

the situation for students in schools now.

Suzi described her work traveling throughout the state to help school leaders and decision makers understand the importance of the school librarian role. Highlighting the impact on reading culture, resources meeting academic needs and student interests along with assisting teacher in building relevant curriculum. The presentation also included data on the relationship between test scores in schools with a certified librarian and those without, indicating a 20% increase. Inequities and ongoing concerns that marginalized students and areas are the ones that are losing librarians the quickest. A document was provided which is attached to the minutes.

Suzi described the five key responsibilities of a highly effective school librarian: Planning instruction, Environment, Management and Leadership. Librarians also hold the role of teaching digital citizenship which continues to be a growing concern with the growth of technology.

Attendee and member questions included clarification on legislative statute regarding certified librarians, which Colorado does not have. DJ clarified that this is not an area that CASB has been able to address based on the level of need in other areas. Jason discussed how CASE has discussed book band but has not drawn the connection to librarians. CASE is working on increased funding in schools but not certified librarians directly. Another question regarding where decisions are made on having librarians in building whether it is a school level or district level decision. SACPIE members Jason and Mark were able to describe that the decisions are typically fiscally based and can be made at either school or district.

In Colorado there has been a 40% drop in full time librarians in the past decade which does not compare to other states e.g. Virginia.

10:30 -10:45am Break

10:45am SchoolView Redesign Stakeholder Feedback– CDE Communications – Michelle Gebhart

CDE and Pinpoint communications provided a briefing and demonstration on the new SchoolView site. Describing SchoolView as the primary source for parents to get information about schools. This is the first major overhaul or update to SchoolView since 2008. The goal of these sessions has been to collect feedback from a variety of stakeholders prior to the roll out in the fall.

Some of the key features include the ability to translate the entire site to include graphs and graphic into a number of languages, accessibility features, and quick views of key numbers.

SACPIE broke into small groups to test some key scenarios and test the new site. The small groups also used a jam board to give feedback.

11:30am SACPIE Member Share-out

Beth shared about connecting with those who may be interested in Special Education Advisory Council local committees.

Kim shared her recent connection with someone who provides training in social emotional learning and diversity, equity and inclusion. Kim was looking for SACPIE feedback on what is happening in districts across the state and what other options for this type of training. SACPIE member shared links on trailstowellness.org and CEI resources.

DJ Anderson raised awareness on proposition HH which is protecting schools and encouraging people to do research there.

Kristine Greer shared on the current needs around student success in school recognizing the needs around housing, emotional needs and more. Clarifying this is in regard to the higher ed context.

Mark Sass shared on the upcoming task force work around school finance and funding which kicks off next week, the district transformation task force is also in the works and a report is due in December. Mark is also sitting on the 1241 task force focusing on the accountability system which kicks off this Thursday.

Kristin Dalton shared on the shift to restorative practices around discipline as a goal for the coming year.

Laura Harney shared on the Statewide Family Engagement Center. The SFEC advisory council is beginning this week and will start with asset mapping. Laura expects there to be intersections between SACPIE and the SFEC advisory council.

Mary Patt shared on Operation Warm which provides coats. They will also have shoes and sneakers.

Mary is also doing a Parent Extravaganza at the zoom in November and many of their vendors will attend.

Mark Sass shared about a webinar on August 29th regarding ESSER funds and why there will be a fiscal cliff. Webinar will focus on what decisions will need to be made.

Sherrell Land shared on KCA which is a new school, adding grades this year. They had 48 students last year. Students benefit from interacting with elders, learning about culture and history. Focusing on building up students and their identity and where they come from. 4wegf

12:00-12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm CDE Update – Darcy Hutchins

New and Complete

- 40 new Promising Partnership Practices
- Three (almost 4) new LearnWorlds Courses
- High Impact Website
- District FSCP Rubrics
- District Leadership DAC Networking

In Process

- Three in-process LearnWorlds courses
- Principals and FSCP Learning Cohort
- FSCP Leadership Think Tank (Collaborative Districts Only)
- Community Supports
- FSCP and Fed Programs

Questions

- What would you like to know more about
- Ideas for Nov FSCP Month
 - CDE Lobby event
 - Press conference at the Capital
 - Kick off video put together with clips of how/why I engage
 - Tool kit for how to host local family engagement kick off
 - Video clips of PPPs
 - Ice Bucket Challenge – Get a hash tag started then everyone can add their clips.
 - Go all in on one specific region show success and build from there. (Greeley, St. Luis

Valley etc)

- Host small events at different FSCP centers throughout November.
- Add pic/link in signature blocks for the month

1:15pm SACPIE's Legislated Responsibilities

Yoni shared the new vision and mission statement of SACPIE as developed in the May 2023 meeting. SACPIE members and attendees participated in a small group activity reviewing SACPIE advisory duties and noting how these fit with the mission/vision, the feasibility for SACPIE members and additional notes.

Members requested a member "spotlight" where each member shares more on what they do and their connections.

SACPIE members would like to have a presentation on school finance to gain a high level better understanding of these calculations and what the give and takes are. Accountability was also a request to have a presenter give more information on the accountability system and ratings.

SAC/DAC information to have examples of where these committees are working well and what they are doing. Suggestion for SACPIE to host an affinity group for SAC/DACs.

2SACPIE members requested for a speaker on the timelines for budget, UIP, etc.

2:00pm Meeting adjourned