



Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2023

Lakewood, CO

MINUTES

Members Present: Jenny Lerner, Beth Donahue, Stacey Zis, Twyla Esquibel, Michelle Zeles-Hahn, Yoni Dobie-Geffen, Nathan Hickman (Zoom), Staci Ruddy (Zoom), Chelsey Hall, Angie Frank, Jason Taylor (Zoom), Mark Sass, Kris Greer (Zoom), Emily Shore, Jess Welch, Brooke Cote (Zoom), Kim Chatman, Mary McNeil, Brooke Cote (Zoom), Staci Ruddy (Zoom)

Absences: Ayde Avila, Kristin Dalton, Dee Leyba

Guests: Darcy Hutchins, Jes Stroope, Suzi Tonini, Rhonda Solis, Kate Watson, Sue Sheridan

Welcome and Introductions

- Members introduced themselves, their roles on SACPIE, and if they are yay or nay on Valentine's Day

Business Housekeeping – Yoni Dobie-Geffen and Darcy Hutchins

- November 2022 meeting minutes approved unanimously.
- A poll will be sent out to members to set the August 2023 meeting date.
- Focus group opportunity with CEI (follow up to August 2022 meeting with Jared) - developed follow-up materials to the one-pager for parents on the purpose of assessments.
 - Jenny, Angie, Beth, Mary, Twyla, Kim, Michelle, Jess, Emily
- Senate Bill 80 - In committee right now. SACPIE is mentioned in it as being the one to develop and disseminate marketing materials to conduct trainings with any school in the state who requests training and will also develop a survey to be collected by and reported by CDE.

Public Comment – Suzi Tonini

- Decrease in certified librarians in Colorado schools; many schools staffed by paraprofessionals with no training. The role has shifted to include media literacy, digital literacy, research skills. Have media literacy standards in CO but often do not have a point person in the school to support this. Suzi will be presenting at SACPIE in May to continue this conversation.

State Board of Education Update – Rhonda Solis

- Board is watching disruptions and changes in board rooms across the state. Board is trying to figure out how to be cheerleaders for public education. Invited members to reach out to her and to attend Board meetings.

Resources and Member Sharing

- Mark Sass – One of the recommendations that came out of the assessment/performance framework audit is that the data needs to be made more accessible and useful, especially for parents. There is a draft bill (has not been introduced yet) that will form a 24-member task force this summer, though in the bill there is no reference to making the data accessible to parents. One task force member is supposed to be a member of a statewide organization of education policy – perhaps this could be a SACPIE member.
- Angie Frank – Did a presentation for an elementary school SAC that led to a presentation with a middle school on what SACPIE does and what resources are available online. SAC at her high school is starting meetings with parents at her high school’s feeder schools.
- Jenny Lerner – Migrant Education Program at CDE developed a book called “Working at Home” to be used as a training tool with parents and children together; emphasis is on literacy. Parents like that the activities are integrated into their routine and is both Spanish and English. The book is available on online.
- Kim Chatman – DPS opened up the discussion on school closures to the community who asked why those schools were being closed; the board currently doesn’t have a solution. Kim asked for any thoughts or ideas on the issue. Stacey Zis recommended a long-range planning committee made up of multiple stakeholders to address declining enrollment before measures need to be taken. Angie referred to her conversations with parents of feeder schools. Mark noted the upcoming fiscal cliff with federal pandemic funding going away. Staci referred members to the PTA councils for support. Yoni will look into lessons learned on declining enrollment from across the country.
- Emily Shore – RMC Health and Action for Healthy Kids have merged and are now affiliate partners. Received a large cooperative agreement from US Food and Nutrition Services for healthy meal programs and incentives in schools. There will be a \$150,000 incentive for smaller, more rural districts. Emily will share press release with Darcy who will share with district contacts. Yoni suggested building in time at the next meeting to further discuss this opportunity.
- Mark Sass – Shared a bill that will provide screeners to students; two hours of testimony from parents alone who are against the bill because the age of consent is 12 years old. The bill went into appropriations and probably will pass, but there is tension between the government and parents. Districts can opt-out from the screeners. Refer to the Chalkbeat tracker to review any educational bill.
- Twyla Esquibel – CDHE has hired an outreach specialist. Two bills – Foster Youth Financial Assistance Program came with an outreach team; each member is assigned to different counties to work with schools and the IHE in the county. Took over the Education and Training Voucher Program – students can get up to \$500 to attend college. Now have a FAFSA outreach coordinator to train school counselors on FAFSA. Educators can receive a stipend. Will send out the information for all to share out.

- Jason Taylor – Has been connecting with the CASE director on putting together a panel discussion about SACS/DACS at the CASE annual convening next July and bringing together principals and superintendents who have been doing it well.
- Stacey Zis – CASB has a legislators resolution committee co-chaired by a former SACPIE member, DJ Anderson, who is a great resource on education bills. CASB Annual Convention – Darcy and Stacey presented on family partnerships to about 70 attendees; it went very well. Many districts that have not been in contact with Darcy now are. Darcy and Stacey can share their presentation materials. Stacey recommended reaching out to teachers’ unions to do presentations for.
- Jess Welch – Regarding declining enrollment – part of the conversation is how do we get better leading indicators so that we can hold school leaders responsible early in the process. Just recorded a UIP recording that can be used with SACS that limits eduspeak and is happy to share with anyone interested. Trying to find good examples of family friendly language used in Title I policies. Darcy recommended [Connecticut Title I Compact website](#)
- Mary McNeil – doing a training in March on working with challenging families and working on family partnership agreements
- Michelle Zeles-Hahn – Adams 12 DAC created a document to explain the UIP to families.

Break

TAPP - Teachers and Parents as Partners: A Family-School Intervention to Support Students – Sue Sheridan and Kate Watson

- In TAPP, teachers and parents jointly identify and address student concerns by providing input and developing plans to improve student outcomes. Integrates nicely with MTSS, PBIS, and wraparound supports. Moves from consent to parental engagement. Whoever provides behavioral and mental health support to students is who provides the TAPP intervention – practitioners are the audience of this training (school-based mental health professionals, family liaisons, etc.) who will facilitate the process and bring parents and teachers together. Focus is on building the capacity of the environment the child is in, rather than diagnosing the student.
- Sue and Kate are seeking ideas and input from SACPIE members on how to make outreach in Colorado communities to pilot this work, particularly rural and BOCES.

365 Health – Leslie Levine

- Formerly 9HealthFair. Provides free and low-cost health screenings and dipping toes into preventative healthcare (including Covid and flu vaccine clinics). Purpose is to increase access to healthcare for those who are not insured or are underinsured.
- Health in Hand: Telehealth, annual blood screening, resources
- 365 Health has a pilot partnership with Boulder Valley School District and one Headstart site in Denver
- Addresses gap in physical and mental health services (mental health support is only for adults – medication management, etc. Not therapy)
- Small group discussion

Lunch

CDE Update – Darcy Hutchins and Jes Stroope

- Promising Partnership Practices
- New online courses
- NAFSCE Grant
- SAC/DAC Networking Series
- Highly Mobile Youth Regional Collaborative Conversations and upcoming learning cohort
- FSCP in High School Learning Cohort

SACPIE Reauthorization – Darcy Hutchins and Yoni Dobie-Geffen

- Darcy provided background of SACPIE.
- Yoni referred to the document worked on at last SACPIE meeting on SACPIE's legislated responsibilities.
- Discussion questions
 - Who do you believe you individually/we collectively are best positioned to influence and/or impact through SACPIE?
 - What functions do you believe you individually and we collectively are positioned to deliver on as SACPIE?

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