



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Lakewood, CO

MINUTES

Members Present: Yoni Dobie-Geffen, Joyce Thiessen-Barrett, Eryn Kaiser, Kris Greer, DJ Anderson (Chair), Kim Watchorn, Dee Leyba, Michael Vente, Kristen Collins, Chris Miller, Leslie Levine (Vice-chair)

Video Attendees: Dr. Gloria Miller, Pam Christy, Ann Bruce, and Sofia Esteve

Absences: Kim McLachlan, Maci O’Grady, Monica Peloso, Kay Trotter, Brandon Hellwig, Stacy Johns, Veronica Palmer, Joanna Peters, Jason Taylor

Guests: Darcy Hutchins, Molly Enright, Evie Hudak

Welcome and Introductions

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, February 12, 2019

- Minutes were approved unanimously without amendment.

Latest Happenings and Business – Darcy Hutchins

- Promising Partnership Practices
 - Now due June 7 – due date extended
 - A school only requires permission from the principal to submit
 - It is permissible for someone at the network level of a charter network to submit but we cannot promote any organizations

- Coffee Chats
 - Monthly meetings to go over the work districts are doing in family partnerships
 - Growing to Western Slope
 - Superintendent-appointed district liaisons as well as school liaisons
 - Successful but we need to increase our support to school liaisons as they do not have many resources and frequently act in a variety of roles in addition to their duties here
- Low Performing Systems and New Accountability Materials
 - New State Accountability Website
 - Houses all accountability and family school community partnerships pages
 - Allows visitors to look up any district's state accountability data
- October Kickoff Group Brainstorming Session
 - Family School Community Partnerships in Education Month
 - Promising Practices Poster Display
 - Suggested moving pictures and a collection of promising practices posters on screens as opposed to posters as a slide show
 - Speakers
 - Speeches at last year's event were good but need to be shorter
 - Give speakers a time limit and more guidance
 - Students could attend and speak on how they've taken advantage of their FSPs
 - Expressed desire for Governor Polis to be a speaker and possibly read the FSP state proclamation in English and Spanish
 - Need more opportunity for speakers to interact and engage with the audience
 - Venue, administration, and social media outreach methods were discussed by members

Colorado Family Listening Series Report Spring 2019 – Heather Matthews

Arranged meetings in a diverse range of five CO communities (Lakewood, Greeley, Alamosa, Castle Rock, and Rifle)

- Asked the community how they are already engaged their children's education
 - Spectrum of involvement types were identified from family/classroom to community
 - Asked parents to identify instances when they wished they had been more involved and instances when they were involved but wished that they weren't
 - Themes of Improvement included partnership in education, building relationships, transparency in communication, individualization of opportunities, and providing a welcoming and inclusive environment

SACPIE Updates – Lisa Steffen (Teaching and Learning Conditions in CO)

- School and District Accountability Committees
 - Providing trainings, resources, and supports to communities
 - District Accountability Committee Areas of Need
 - Budget Prioritization: socio-emotional learning supports and relationships between school boards and committees
 - Attracting and retaining membership
 - Annual Kick Off help regarding event planning and execution

- Data Literacy member trainings
 - Charter review process: developing best practices
- New Website
 - Videos showing examples of a variety of SACs
 - Members offered feedback
- Group work
 - Experiences, lessons learned, what you wish you knew/had access to (DACs and SACs); what promising practices have you seen in the field?
 - DACs are coming together but SACs are having more problems due to principal turn over and difference of buy-in between principals
 - We can possibly use the site to passively collect information about who's visiting
 - Suggested we put a yearly agenda on the site
 - Add a best practices list (e.g. have meetings more than four times a year)
 - How can SACPIE help get resources out? Who are your target audiences?
 - Task parents with becoming true representatives of their congressional district
 - Have one parent per congressional district on SACPIE

Committee Group Work Time

SACPIE Parent Spotlight Presentation – Dee Leyba

- New SACPIE Officer elections in June
- Dee works as a community health specialist for Communities that Care
 - Priorities are addressing low commitment to school, mental health issues, substance abuse prevention, and positive youth development
 - Questions why youth aren't utilizing community resources and locations that already exist and if they're aware of decisions being made for them by local PTOs/PTAs
- Builds public support for school community and climate by utilizing local SACs and DACs to push responsibilities forced on schools onto other parts of the community
- Wants to have SACPIE focus more on how initiatives work for rural communities because many things discussed at meetings aren't applicable to smaller districts
 - Rural, smaller districts weren't represented in Family Listening Series Report
 - Less affluent communities also weren't represented in FLS Report
- Personally focuses on developing and listening to youth voices as well as finding ways to empower parents