

ESEA Committee of Practitioners
September 24, 2015
Colorado Children's Campaign Conference Rom

Attendees:

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Jesús Escárcega. The committee reviewed the minutes from the April, 2015 meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

CoP Bylaws – Jeff Klein

- NCLB CoP Bylaws were distributed and highlights were reviewed
- Three-year commitment for members
 - Pat Chapman broached topic of a student member and mentioned that a student had participated in early years of committee
 - Concern was expressed about student missing school
 - Suggestion that class or internship credit may be appropriate
 - Committee also discussed void of parent representation on committee
 - Reimbursement is not available for parents
 - Jesus Escarcega and Mary Ellen Good agreed to convene a small committee to look further into these issues
- Participation – members unable to attend three consecutive meetings may have their membership terminated by a majority vote of committee
- Bylaws provide for two co-chairs and a secretary
 - Committee asked that CDE continue to facilitate meetings and take minutes
 - Committee will nominate and vote for co-chairs at the November meeting

ESEA Programs Update – Pat Chapman

- ESEA projects and waiver work all affected by potential for reauthorization and a statewide E-grants system
- Federal Programs Unit at CDE trying to move forward with aligning initiatives (e.g., Consolidated Application, Monitoring, School Improvement Grants, etc.)
 - Using equity and focus on students as a framework to align projects and initiatives
- Four work teams will be coming to CoP with updates and to solicit advice
 - Grants Administration
 - Consolidated Application
 - Monitoring
 - Technical Assistance
- ESEA reauthorization is as close as it's been over past eight years
 - Pat Chapman provided a summary of House and Senate bills
 - If law isn't passed in fall of 2015 it is unlikely before 2017

- Motion made to change name of NCLB Committee of Practitioners to Colorado ESEA Committee of Practitioners
 - Motion passed
- Pat Chapman provided an update on Colorado's ESEA Flexibility Waiver request
 - Originally submitted in March
 - HB-1323 prompted changes to the waiver request
 - CDE working as a liaison between the State Board of Education and United States Department of Education to find language approvable by both groups
 - USDE has not clarified whether or not we are under waiver as previous waiver has expired an new request is pending
 - Pat discussed what would happen if we went back to AYP

CDE – Federal Programs Technical Assistance Plans – Jennifer Simons

- Renewed focus on program quality rather than compliance
- Focusing efforts on meeting the needs of every student
- ESEA Handbook is in development
 - Jennifer asked for feedback on what was needed (and missing from proposed outline)
 - Title I-C
 - Improvement grants
 - Unfunded programs
 - Title III parent involvement
 - Handbook should allow practitioners to use it as a guidebook and not have to regularly refer to statute
 - If it's required, put it in the book
 - Time and effort
 - Title VII
 - Committee members who have recommendations may email comments to Jennifer Simons (Simons_J@cde.state.co.us) or Kim Burnham (Burnham_K@cde.state.co.us)
 - CoP will be able an electronic version before it is finalized and published
 - If possible, review process will use a cloud-based, shared document
 - Jennifer asked what other topics committee would suggest for guidance and technical assistance from CDE
 - Directory of CDE, Federal Programs main contacts
 - McKinney-Vento Act
 - Program Evaluation
 - Relationship between Schoolwide Plan and UIP
- Jennifer described a new Virtual Academy for program directors that would replace office hours
 - Series of webinars scheduled throughout the year on specific topics

Family Partnership Work Update – Kim Watchorn (Vice Chair of State Advisory Committee on Parent Involvement in Education; MTSS Coordinator, Office of Learning Supports as CDE)

- SACPIE was established in 2009 legislation
- Website is excellent resource for family partnership tools and information
- SACPIE brochure includes the six standards for family partnerships
- October is Family Partnership Month in Colorado
 - Governor's Proclamation
 - Kick-off event at CDE on October 1
- New Promising Partnership Practices Book
 - Available online
- Suggestion that SACPIE could help CoP recruit a parent member

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Statewide Support – Morgan Cox

- Regional professional development opportunities
 - PD in the morning and networking in the afternoon
- http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/cldestatewidesupport
 - Any district may request targeted support
- Available tools
 - EL Data Dig Tool
 - ELD Program Rubrics
 - District and School ELD Program Reviews
 - EL Guidebook
 - Next release in February
- Title VII webpage has been updated
 - Increase number of grantees in Colorado from 7 to 22 in past year

Consolidated Application Update – DeLilah Collins

- New application will be released in spring
- Soliciting input from the field
- Using the Standards and Indicators for Continuous Improvement as a framework
- Will vet questions with CoP
- CoP suggested aligning budget and application rather than having two separate processes

Monitoring – Brad Bylsma

- Moving from compliance monitoring to program support
 - Program effectiveness
 - Impact on students
- Collaboration with ESSU
 - Tiered, results-based
- Pilot process this year
 - Work with one or two districts on protocol and monitoring tools

School Improvement Grants – Sarah Cohen

- Two new 1003(a) grants released this fall
 - Reading Ignite
 - Connect for Success
 - Implementation will utilize findings of the High Achieving Schools study
- Tiered Intervention Grant Cohort VI
 - 11 applicants
 - 2 approved
 - Other nine schools have opportunity to reapply

Suggestions for November Agenda

- Officer Elections
- Title I-D
- Waiver/Legislation updates
- Cons App update
- Working lunch rather than break during meeting