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Department of Education

Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024
Adams 12 Conference Center
1500 E. 128th Ave.
Thornton, CO

CSEAC Mission: Our mission is to actively represent children/youth with disabilities and impact decisions made on their behalf to enhance the quality of educational services.

CSEAC Vision: All learners are respected and challenged with high expectations, their needs are met, and student aspirations for success are fulfilled.

Members in Attendance: Susan Archuleta, Kelly Balderston, Erin Camper, Jessica Cuthbertson, Anjuli DiMaria, Teddy Engle, Kevin Fox, Michel Friberg, Nicole Gross, Phillip Haberman, Lynn Hayes, Maddie Karanevich, Jennifer Kent, Jason Marsh, Sari Mazon, Karissa McCoy, Charlie Mellow, Jill Pidcock, Amy Rosengrants-Smith, Shannon Sloane, Jennifer Thornton, Adam Tucker, Taz Williams, Michael Woodruff

Absences: Julia Allison, Jon Paul Burden, Cori Canty, Kristin Duncan, Alison Ferguson, Eva Leon, Emilie Ring, Nicholas Stachokus, Laura Trapp

CDE Staff and Other Guests: Beth Donahue, Family Engagement Specialist, Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU), CDE; Paul Foster, Assistant Commissioner, ESSU, CDE; Candace Hawkins, Director, Special Education Guidance, ESSU, CDE; Hannah Phillips, DPAR Administrative Assistant, ESSU, CDE; Katherine Rains, Dispute Prevention and Assisted Resolution Supervisor, ESSU, CDE; David Ramer, Program Support Assistant, ESSU, CDE; Debora Scheffel, State Board of Education Liaison

Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment and CSEAC Parent Input

- Members and guests introduced themselves.
- There was no public comment.
- CSEAC parent input:
 - Mental health needs continue to be a struggle.



Minutes Approval

- The September minutes were approved unanimously without amendment.

Local SEAC Spotlight - Adams 12

- An overview was provided.

ESSU Updates and Upcoming Rulemaking - Paul Foster, Assistant Commissioner, ESSU

- Proposed rule changes to ECEA.
- Paul encourages CSEAC to comment as individuals and as a unit – the board does listen.
- Development of policies and procedures for State Complaints.
- Update the definition of a public agency.
- A new definition of and references to Abbreviated School Day Policies.
- Update the process for applications for new or reorganized Administrative Units.
- Requirements for paraprofessionals working with students with IEPs.

Constituent Input

- Restraint and Seclusion is this year's topic.

Updates from the State Board of Education - Dr. Deborah Scheffel, State Board of Education Liaison

- Dr. Scheffel updated CSEAC on SBE matters.

Changes to State Complaint Procedures - Candace Hawkins, Director, Special Education Guidance, ESSU

- OSEP required changes following their visit last December.
- Changes to improve access and efficiency.
- Removal of provision exceeding CDE authority under IDEA.

Public Comment and CSEAC - Katherine Rains, Assisted Resolution and Dispute Prevention Supervisor, ESSU

- Board comments are two minutes.

Subcommittees

- Subcommittees met and reported out.

Respectfully submitted by David Ramer, February 2025

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